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#### SPECIAL FEATURE

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DURING THE PANDEMIC

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On Aug. 12, the University, along with many other colleges and universities across the nation, began welcoming students and faculty back to campus after an abrupt switch to online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"COVID-19 is a very real and present challenge. Your negative tests do nothing to prevent future in-

fection. Everything now depends on each of us. Everything," University President John Bravman said in an Aug. 17 email addressed to the campus community.

In order to have the safest semester possible, the University has created and enforced regulations that students must follow on campus, such as wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, maintaining good hand hygiene, promptly re-

porting symptoms, and isolating if necessary. Recently, the University reported seven positive cases of COVID-19 on campus, later providing a more detailed version of the expectations of students and employees should they receive a positive result or be exposed to COVID-19. These expectations can be found alongside the statistics on the University's COVID-19 dashboard.

Attending in-person

classes during a pandemic naturally requires adjustments to be made by the entire campus community. First-year orientation was strikingly different, with all students needing to schedule an appointment before checking into campus.

Lectures, too, have been entirely upended by the exigencies of COVID-19. "We are meeting in Trout Auditorium and I have to stand on the stage so the camera

can see me for the Zoom recordings. This means I can't wander around the room, ask questions, and have a more casual conversation with my students. It is also much harder to hear them when they ask a question," Associate Professor of Biology Marie Pizzorno said.

For many professors, managing intricate, unfamiliar technology while trying to run a class has been

## New Student Orientation adapts to unusual fall 2020 semester

Maddie Margioni,  
Contributing Writer

The University's New Student Orientation began differently this year than in the past. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic required many activities to be planned and organized via Zoom. However, this also meant that activities could start ear-

lier for first-years, including the new schedule of events called "14 Days to ray," a program created specifically for the Class of 2024.

The "14 Days to ray" program began on Aug. 3 and lasted until the start of classes on Aug. 17, two weeks later. The transition from virtual to in-person

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## 7th Street Studio & MakerSpace moves outdoors



Students paint wooden Bucknell Bs at pop-up MakerSpace event.  
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Sarah Haber,  
News Editor

The 7th Street Studio & MakerSpace is hosting a series of DIY events for students to partake in this semester. The MakerSpace opened on campus in 2015, operating as a part of the 7th Street Studio to focus on design and innovation. Students are able to use 3D printers, a laser cutter, a vinyl cutter and several computers with the latest design software. The 7th Street Studio has countless painting, sculpting and craft supplies that are available for use. Although the 7th Street Studio & MakerSpace cannot function the same as it has during previous semes-

ters, the studio will continue to offer creative programs throughout the fall semester.

"When we began thinking about programming during COVID, 7th Street Studio & MakerSpace knew it had to be creative in ways in which we can engage students across campus with our different resources and supplies while also maintaining social distancing and proper health precautions. We have an ample amount of room outside of the studio that we decided would be the perfect location to host our events for the semester rather than our traditional indoor facility," Sabrina Shankar, the assistant director of Campus Activities and Programs (CAP), said.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, the 7th Street Studio hosted DIY Calendars outside on the lawn of the 7th Street Studio. Students were able to create their own weekly dry erase calendar to stay on track with their studies this semester. The calendars were created with picture frames, vinyl stickers and decals. Several tables with collaging supplies were set up outside so that students could decorate and personalize their calendar in any way that they wanted.

"At each of our Friday and Saturday night events, we have multiple tables set up with DIY-themed activities with plenty of room for students to spread out. We

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FOR MORE ON MEAL PLANS

### LUNCH SPECIAL



7 swipes  
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19 swipes  
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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

## THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL

CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Briefs by Sarah Haber & Nicole Yeager  
News Editor and Assistant News Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

After years of pushing, Iran finally allowed United Nations (UN) inspectors to access and observe two sites that are suspected of illicit nuclear-weapon work. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN's nuclear watchdog, is responsible for this initiative. Partly in an effort to ease U.S. pressure of reimposing multilateral sanctions, Tehran conceded on the issue. In return, the IAEA proclaimed that they would protect confidential information to satisfy security concerns.

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, numerous federal agencies warned of North Korean hackers attempting to rob banks around the world in order to fund nuclear weapons programs. North Korean hackers have posed threats since 2015, with the BeagleBoyz theft of \$81 million from the Bank of Bangladesh in 2016 and the theft of \$13 million from India's Cosmos Bank in 2018, according to U.S. security officials and UN investigators. After an apparent lull in robberies, the current campaign involves "spearphishing" tactics – sending emails purported to be from a "trusted source," sometimes Amazon or Spotify, in order to solicit information from users – and social engineering schemes. The FBI, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Treasury Department and U.S. Cyber Command are jointly investigating this campaign.

## DOMESTIC

On Sunday, Aug. 23, a police shooting in Kenosha, Wis., spurred a civil rights probe by federal investigators. Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old man unarmed black man, was leaning into his vehicle – which held his three children – when he was shot seven times in the back by Kenosha police officer Rusten Shesky. The entire encounter was caught on camera by a nearby civilian. A critically injured Blake was rushed to a hospital, and underwent surgery on Tuesday; he is now paralyzed from the waist down. His shooting, in addition to the current social climate, sparked nationwide protests. A protest in Kenosha on Tuesday evening led to a shooting that killed two and seriously wounded another. Illinois teen Kyle Rittenhouse was subsequently arrested for first-degree intentional homicide. As for Blake's case, Kenosha police initially reached out to the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to take over the investigation, on Wednesday, Aug. 26 it was announced that the investigation would be conducted by DCI in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In more recent COVID-19 news, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that testing may not be necessary. After months of encouraging citizens to utilize testing services, which encouraged many organizations and institutions to invest in testing services and mandate COVID-19 tests, the CDC suddenly changed their stance. Brett Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, denied any political involvement in the decision and claimed it was made to "prevent a false sense of security" of a negative test result. In response, medical professionals and public health experts are firmly pushing back and continuing to encourage both testing and continued safe behavior.

A message from  
The Bucknellian

Due to the unusual nature of this semester, The Bucknellian's print schedule will look different than it has in previous semesters. The Bucknellian will not be printing a weekly physical issue this semester, and will therefore not be sending out subscriptions this fall. You will, however, be able to view all of our articles online for

free at bucknellian.net, along with PDF versions of each issue. Our online content will be posted each Friday, though we hope to distribute a special election issue.

Our news articles will still cover on-campus events, although many of these will be virtual. The Opinions section will comprise the bulk of our paper this semester as we

will provide campus perspectives on the upcoming election and increase awareness in social justice. University policies and the ongoing pandemic. Unfortunately, due to the Patriot League's decision to cancel the fall season, we will no longer report on sporting events. We will resume the section once seasons recommence. And of course, the

strangeness of this semester gives us plenty of material for our satire section.

Despite the current circumstances, we remain committed to being the voice of the University and Lewisburg Community. For questions regarding our print schedule or to become a member of our staff, please contact us at bucknellian@bucknell.edu

## ORIENTATION

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events commenced on Aug. 12, the date of move-in for first-year students. These virtual events prior to move-in allowed first-years to gain a sense of community and meet students living outside their hall before arriving on campus.

The virtual events included pre-recorded videos on campus life, as well as Zoom meetings with academic deans, advisers and fellow first-year students. Multiple Zoom sessions were made in order to accommodate the University's many long-distance attendees on the West Coast and abroad.

Orientation for the Class of 2024 was bound to be a different experience than any before because of the ongoing pandemic, but New Student Orientation continued planning activities and welcome events, modified to fit the current pandemic.

Orientation Assistant (OA) Emma Stone '22 described certain changes to orientation.

"Orientation was still an amazing experience, despite all of the hurdles with COVID. First-years all arrived at different times, which made the program different but I think that we were still definitely successful in achieving our goal of welcoming them to campus," Stone said.

Due to the stringent COVID-19 regulations, some activities naturally could not be done, but many were highly adaptable to the new environment and built camaraderie among the new first-years. This included the traditional field games such as an egg run – each student received their own spoon instead of doing hand-offs.

Crucial to New Student Orientation was the ability to have in-person activities, meaning meals, meetings and games were held face-to-face. The name of the game was social distancing, as is the case with all campus life and instruction this fall semester.

As with University tradition, Orientation concluded with the First-Year Convocation. This was done virtually, and first-years were invited to watch University President John Bravman address the community about the new challenges this year would bring, as well as the joy of the University in welcoming a new class.

"I am so proud of all of my fellow OAs for being thrown right into welcoming first-years with very little plans but still being able to maintain amazing positive energy and organize super fun introductory and bonding experiences for the first-years," Stone said.

While the Class of 2024 goes into their college career during an uncertain time, New Student Orientation provides a service to prepare them for what they face, and build up the University community in the process. It was clear that, despite the adjustments to orientation, many of the first-years still appreciated the experience.

"I bet orientation was a little different for everyone this year, but the OAs and the OIs were so generous with their time," Caroline Mahoney '24 said. "I met so many kids from my building and bonded with the kids in my hall. It definitely helped me in the first week of school."

## 7TH STREET

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also provide to-go bags for any student that wants to participate in the activity but from the comfort of their own dorm. Students can pick up these bags during the event by asking a student employee," Shankar said.

Even if a student does not feel comfortable going inside of the studio or working on their crafts outside, they are still able to participate by taking their craft to go and completing it wherever they feel most comfortable.

This semester, we are hosting Self-Care Saturdays every Saturday night to promote positive mental and physical health. In the upcoming weeks, we will feature bullet journaling, watercolor painting and acrylic painting. On Friday nights,

we host events in collaboration with CORE. In the upcoming weeks, students can be excited to see Firefly Mason Jars, Pumpkin Painting and more," Shankar said.

The 7th Street Studio & Makerspace is still welcoming students inside to create as long as they adhere to the COVID-19 safety protocols such as wearing a mask, staying six feet apart, hand sanitizing upon arrival and departure along with several other guidelines.

Upcoming events hosted by the 7th Street Studio & Makerspace include Bullet Journaling on Aug. 29, Firefly Mason Jars on Sep. 4, Watercolor Painting on Sep. 5, Pumpkin Painting on Sep. 11 and Paint Party on Sep. 12.

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## BUCKNELL COVID-19

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a great challenge. Professors have had to continuously accommodate their classes in order to meet the needs of their remote and on-campus students. To protect the health of others, many classes have implemented classroom spacing guidelines, reducing the capacity of classrooms, in addition to following sanitation protocol. Despite all the University's precautions, some students are still concerned about being on campus.

"I'm always nervous walking around campus because you never know who could have it," Hasan Spencer '24 said.

Spencer, a first-year student, tries his best to maintain proper distancing by limiting his interactions to people in his hall, while still wearing a mask when socializing. While some students continue to do their part, some tend to downplay the risks COVID-19 poses to the student body.

"It is not really a challenge for us because we are actually trying to follow social distancing guidelines. I know there are some people that are still going out to party and stuff over the weekend. And so it's super frustrating, it's like all of us want to be here. But people aren't

taking it seriously," Bernadette Maramis '24 said.

This isn't the only problem that students face. The University's recent meal plan change has caused frustration across campus, even before students arrived on campus. Using their swipes, students must eat takeout meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, a system that was put into place to avoid contamination. However, many students have expressed negative feelings toward the quality of the food.

"I haven't heard of a student that liked the food, it has been giving people a lot of problems — stomach issues. I've stopped eating meat since I got to campus," Spencer said.

Many of the students don't use their swipes but instead spend their money on food outside of campus, using delivery services like DoorDash or eating at local restaurants.

"It is just so frustrating. We are paying so much money and the quality that we are getting isn't even half of what we are paying for," Maramis said. "If you asked me in the beginning of the year how I thought my college experience would be like, I never would have assumed that it would be like this."

Noemi Pedraza-Aguado  
Contributing Writer

This week, The Bucknellian spoke with Associate Professor of Biology Marie Pizzorno to discuss the current COVID-19 pandemic and what steps the University community can take to limit the spread of the virus.

*How have your classes been impacted?*

To reduce the number of people in the room at one time, I have decided to teach half [of my nearly 75 students] in class and half on Zoom, with each group going back and forth between the two. Managing all of the technology before class starts and making sure my students on Zoom don't get forgotten during class is taking a great deal of mental energy.

*What are some conflicts that have arisen in your classes?*

I haven't had any major conflicts. Managing the technology is rough — making sure the Zoom students can hear me, see me and get my attention when they have a question is tricky. My students appear to be very compliant with the masking and distancing rules and I have explained to them the scientific reasons why those behaviors are

so important — especially right now while we see how these first few weeks go.

*I know you were also part of the safety and health committee for fall planning. How well do you think the school and students have been following the protocols that were set up?*

I have been pleased to see students wearing masks in class and on campus. Sometimes they slip beneath their nose — I know it is hard to keep them on for a whole day. I worry about student's inability to stay six feet apart. I worry about the large groups of students eating outside at the round tables. Part of me understands — eating is a social behavior and you can't eat with a mask on. But the virologists in me worries that this is a possible time for exposing other people to the virus. In the end, we will see how this grand experiment works out. But we all have to try to do these things as much as we possibly can, even though it is really hard. Because of asymptomatic spread, someone could be infectious and not know it and then spread it to others. That is what I worry about the most.

*Are there any concerns about activities on campus that might endanger the health*

*of others?*

Two major points here. The first is going to large gatherings (even outdoors). Wearing a mask helps cut down on the spread, but can't prevent it 100 percent. The other point is going off-campus and interacting with other people. Even if the campus has low levels of virus, someone could travel and bring it back without even knowing. And no visitors either. I know being away from family, friends and off-campus significant others for 14 weeks is hard. But it is what we all need to do to keep the entire campus safe.

This is one of the most unusual viruses I have seen in my long career of teaching and learning about viruses. It produces everything from no symptoms to severe disease and death. There are very few viruses that have that range of pathology. We know some of the factors that lead to severe disease and death, but not all of them. And not all college-aged people will have completely mild infections. I have heard of students who had the virus back in March and still have problems breathing even now. So please don't think you are invincible. And even if you do have a mild infection, you don't

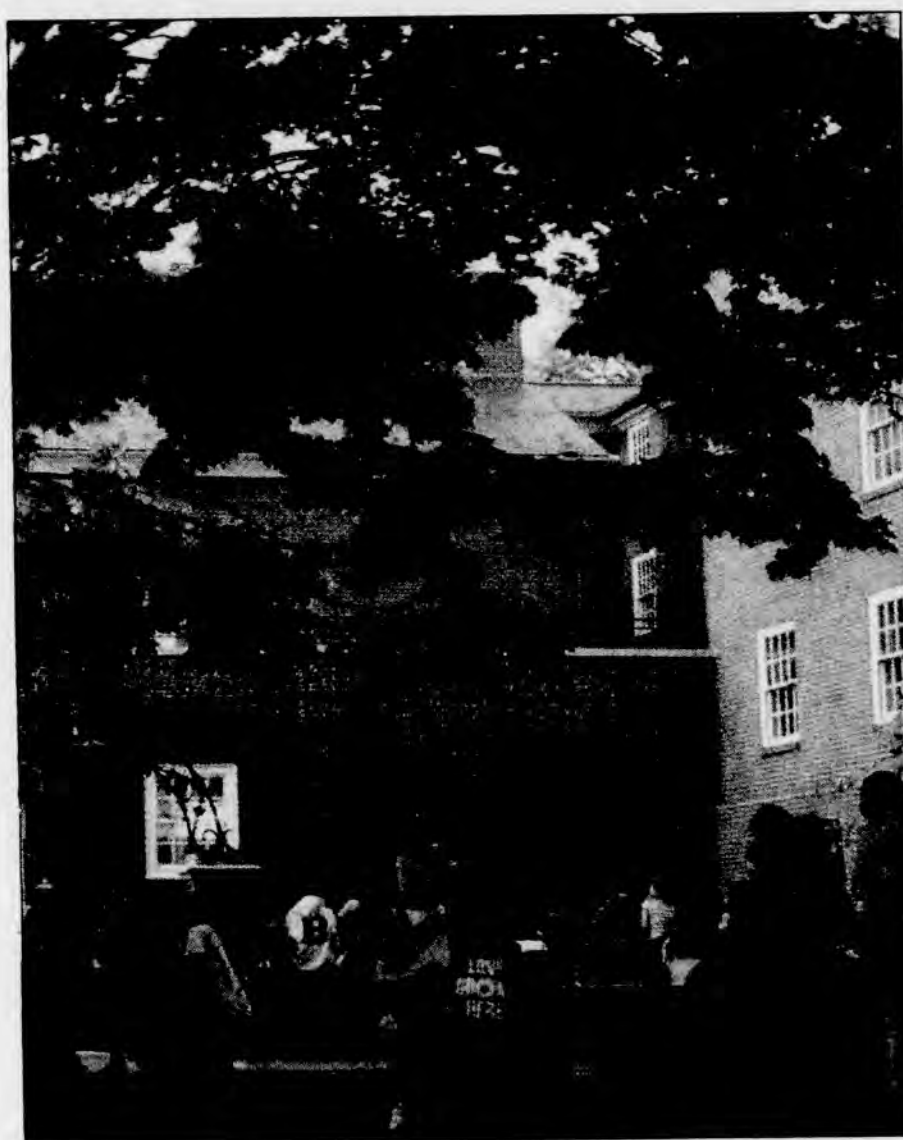
want to pass it to faculty, staff or someone in town who might not be so lucky.

The large percentage of people without symptoms who can spread the virus to others is a huge problem. Or the symptoms are so mild that you mistake them for a cold or even allergies. Previous viruses in this group, like the original SARS in 2002-2003, had well documented "superspreading events." This is where a single infected person passed the virus on to many other people (20, 30, even 100). Those are the kinds of events we have to avoid if we want to still be in person in November. That is where avoiding large parties, particularly where you don't wear a mask.

*What things do you think could improve in the upcoming weeks?*

Wearing masks, staying distanced, limiting the number of people you hang out with, particularly while inside or not wearing a mask. The more people you interact with, the more opportunities you have to either catch the virus or give the virus to someone else. Sign up for testing when it is your turn. And most important, stay in your room if you don't feel well, and contact Student Health.

## CAP Core hosts Bingo Blingo



Students gather at Uptown for Bingo Blingo.  
PHOTO BY YANJING HUANG



Students circle around for a game of Bingo.  
PHOTO BY YANJING HUANG

Ellie Lowe  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Aug. 21, The University's Campus Activities and Programs' Core (CAP Core) held its first event of the semester: Bingo Blingo, a night for students all around campus to gather and play variations on the classic Bingo game for prizes.

While the event is typically held in Bostwick Marketplace at the Elaine Langone Center, this year was markedly different. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Bingo was held at Uptown, the MacDonal-

Commons and on Zoom. This allowed remote students to participate while giving on-campus students the opportunity to play in-person and still maintain social distancing.

Carole Beckhorn '23, one of the event coordinators, started planning Bingo Blingo in early July. "I knew I had quite a bit to change and adapt because of COVID and it was going to be very different from how I organized it last year," she said.

Unlike in past years, there were no physical Bingo cards. Instead of simply picking up a card while walking into the event, stu-

dents were required to fill out a form in order to get a Bingo card sent to their email addresses. This alteration also increased the ease with which event staff could check for winning cards, as it was all digital.

"After a few tech issues were worked out in the beginning, the games went smoothly, and everyone had a good time all evening," Beckhorn said.

The prize system was different as well this year. Rather than having all the prizes on display, a list was sent out and the winners were able to choose

which prize they wanted. There were small prizes that included items such as a University mug and room lights, medium prizes which included items like a University sweatshirt and Bluetooth headphones, large prizes such as a Keurig and television and the grand prize of an iPad mini.

The Bingo operation was primarily headquartered at Uptown. For those students who were able to attend on-campus, lawn games and snacks and drinks were provided as well as a chance to win \$100 for the first 50 people who arrived. Before

the games started, students could be seen chatting with friends and catching up after the long summer break.

Despite the changes, students like Jada Lopez '24 managed to make the best of the situation, describing it as a "fun enjoyable time to spend with new people."

After almost everyone received their Bingo cards, the game began. Students could be seen eagerly waiting for the next number to be called. The crowd's favorite number was 069, which when called was always followed by cheers, but nothing

compared to the applause when a student got Bingo.

Although not everyone could win, many students were glad to be there.

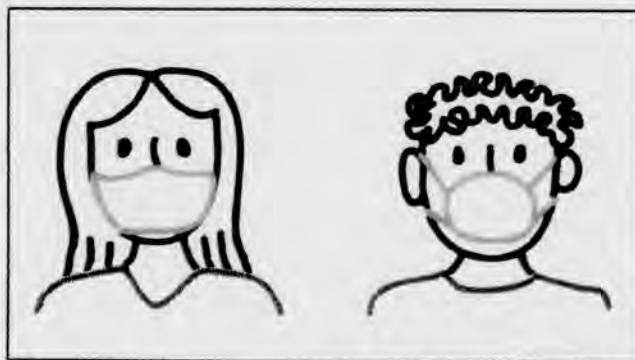
"I'm grateful they are setting events despite the circumstances," Connor Mangan '24 said.

"One time I won an iPad there, so I can't pass up the opportunity to go to Bingo Blingo," Riley Ernst '22 said.

Upcoming events on campus include DIY Night on Aug. 28 at 7th Street Studio and Just Desserts on Sept. 25 at Uptown, the Commons and the Makerspace.



## Mask on



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Alyssa Endres  
Contributing Writer

In the uncertain age of COVID-19, masks have become a staple of life. In restaurants and stores, these simple pieces of cloth and fabric have become the required entry ticket.

Especially with few colleges having students return for their fall semester, great precautions are being taken, and masks are required to be worn at all times. The University is no exception.

Some students on campus, however, think that others are taking the precautions a bit too far.

One student stated, "Unpopular opinion, but masks are overrated. People walking around with masks everywhere, even into the bathroom? It's starting to look like there's an apocalypse."

Maybe not quite an apocalypse, but we are still in the midst of a global pandemic.

Another student was asked

what they thought about this new way of life on campus. "People who try to eat with masks on? Come on, it's getting a bit ridiculous. Unless there's a convenient hole that magically appears through the mask when food comes towards it, you cannot eat through it!"

They continued, "In addition, people sleeping with masks on? At that point, the only thing that is happening is carbon dioxide being re-directed into the lungs. That can't be good or healthy either. It actually probably does the exact opposite of what the masks are intended to do."

It is notable that this student was also walking around campus with their mask hanging off their ear. Why be safe when you can just look cool, right?

Apparently, the bubble of campus acts as a shield that can protect people from COVID-19 as well, or some students think. I promise all the annoyance of the mask will be worth it when your COVID-19 tests come back negative.

## Quarantine quality of life

Maximus Bean  
Contributing Writer

Only two weeks in and this school year has already been one twist and turn after another. One of the most memorable moments of the school year thus far was the Great 3A Quarantine of '20, or as we all know it here, the Insidening.

The initial scare was the worst. When we had gotten the news that one of us was infected, everybody ran around, tearing their hair out and screaming at the horror. To stop this rowdy behavior, the lockdowns began. Doctors clad in hazmat suits stuck the cotton swabs in our noses, feeling around for where the infection might be hiding. My nostrils burned and my eyes teared up — I felt like I could hardly breathe. Then they took the Q-tip out and told me they had to go into the other nostril. One eternity later, I was out. Crying deeply, but I was out.

My roommate and I were sealed into our rooms for the most part. In my own experience, which had only lasted a day-and-a-half, I passed the time by making shadow puppets, reading the entirety of "War and Peace" and watching Peter Jackson's "King Kong" 17 times over. It got so isolated in there that I had to open a window and wave to those down below. Those dressed-up, posh Convocationites sometimes did wave back at the unwashed, scraggly little man in the third-story window. Other times they just looked at their phones and at each other, completely ignoring the Icelandic death metal blasting from my window.

Some brave souls tried breaking open their doors. I never saw them again. During the cold air-conditioned nights, we all huddled together in the hallway and whispered among ourselves. My roommate said he was going to try to escape. As far as I could tell, he got past the hallway and went silent. I was alone from that point onwards.

The food wasn't much better. For breakfast we got a single piece of fruit, which would be a banana or an orange. The lunch and dinner consisted of a single, small package of whatever main entrees they had that day. For drinks, they gave a gallon of water that must be consumed before the next meal in order to save precious space for the next gallon.

After a day-and-a-half, the majority of us were free. As far as we know, they found the infected person and shipped her back. She never felt any symptoms. Those still locked within, still testing negative in the days and weeks after exposure (the poor souls are now entering day 11), are nevertheless kept in their confines out of the fear that they may contract the wretched COVID-19 from no other source than someone walking down the hallway without a cloth over their face. The rest of us take our precautions. We wear our masks, heavy-duty disinfectant gloves, face-shields and germ-resistant wipes tied around our necks.

Those of us who were never infected had to stay in that horrible place for what felt like eons. Those who complained about the food got cease-and-desist letters. Even now the quarantined students sit, their doors barred and their hope reliant on information the administration never gives. They hope for a way in which the administration can somehow communicate with the people undergoing this gruesome process. I don't think they've seen people in weeks. There is no real information — all we at 3A hear is rumors. Rumors that they may be getting out. Rumors that they may be stuck. No word from the higher-ups. No facts, only the mishmash of fiction and hope. Those feeling charitable may drop food outside their doors as long as said food is untainted by the outside world. All I wish to convey is the great lesson to be learned by this tragic tale: if not DiGiorno, get delivery.

## University housing switch causes trouble

Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

You've heard of a dingle, but get ready to meet the drip-ple (or trouble?) — the newest holy grail of University campus housing.

In order to ensure all available rooms on campus are occupied, University Housing Services has converted all triple rooms into doubles, and beneficiaries are enjoying every minute of their experience until their return home next week. The Bucknellian secured exclusive interviews with some affected individuals to get a better look at what is going on inside these venues.

Sara Selfish '23 told reporters she and her current roommate turned their room into an underground casino to make some extra money to pay for heightened University costs. Selfish and her former roommate, Diane Duped '23, are no longer on speaking terms after the housing switch.

Duped, now housed in the basement of her original building, says she was disappointed to hear her bed had been replaced with slot machines. When asked how the remaining residents of the room were determined,

she explained it came down to a mental challenge of passive-aggressive suggestions for who should be the one to leave, and a physical challenge that involved a race to the dorm on move-in day. Ultimately, Duped conceded when a former roommate told her she thinks Duped seems "good for a single."

While some inhabitants are monetarily capitalizing off this new living situation, others are trying to share the wealth with their friends and peers. Gene Generous '22, a self-proclaimed philanthropist, has turned his new home into a shelter for those who were forced to leave campus for breaking University guidelines and protocols.

Generous '22 is now living with seven students who are no longer University residents due to their lack of social distancing during a nationwide health crisis. Generous says he is "doing the Lord's work," as he refuses to turn away those whom have been ostracized. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have deemed the location a virus epicenter.

While the intentions of this housing switch were to limit any issues for University officials, the triple-double rooms are proving to cause trouble across the board.

## Examining the dilemma of packing during COVID-19

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As the University makes its way through the first week of classes, it is apparent that not everyone has the same expectations for the upcoming school year.

I am a current sophomore, meaning I know a little bit about how to do "college stuff" in general (sorry, first-years) but not enough to be an expert. However, I do pride myself in knowing what to bring to school and what not to bring to school.

Of course, not everyone can say the same. The discrepancies between what you should and should not bring are different for each student, but overall they don't vary too much.

It feels as though there are two types of people this semester: those who have brought either everything they own in fear of leaving something behind and not being able to retrieve it due to the social distancing rules, and those who have decided to bring only the absolute essentials because they firmly believe the University will close relatively soon.

As you can imagine, this makes for some very interesting room decor and a lot of Amazon, Redbubble and Barstool packages. Why everybody needs to own the same "Saturdays Are For The Boys" flag I will absolutely never understand.

Obviously I have one at home. I just didn't want to bring it in case the University closed down early. The more

## Zoom into crisis

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While the University is working to limit the effects of coronavirus on campus, students have been plagued with yet another hardship: Zoom catastrophes.

Liam Lame '21, one of the first students to be affected by the plight of virtual mishaps, has since become an activist on the issue and is working to spread the word about the dangers of unmuted microphones and mispositioned devices.

During Lame's first Zoom session of the semester, he had chosen a location that displayed a clear view of his room decor — which included a Phish poster. Lame has since dropped the course and has moved off-campus in order to continue his learning completely remote, in a room with barren walls.

Samuel Showoff '24, unlike Lame, attempted to make a name for himself as a new student on campus but was met with a disappointing outcome. Showoff tried to execute the classic pants-less Zoom call trope, but the stunt was returned by Professor Careless when he also revealed a lack of appropriate attire.

Careless is in his last year before retiring from the University and refused to

comment when contacted via email and telephone by reporters. Showoff's class has since blamed him for the indecent incident, and an inside source said he is expected to transfer after his completion of the current semester.

While Zoom has caused distress for some students for social reasons, it has also done so by revealing criminal activity. Natalie Negligent '22 was in the middle of posing an insightful question in her philosophy class when a fellow peer barged into the room, making a request that insinuated Negligent had been using her new single to peddle illegal substances after she had been kicked out of her former triple.

The University is attempting to track down the culprit of this illicit activity, and Negligent is now identified as the primary suspect. The investigation is ongoing, but Negligent's attorney has described the situation as "a clear setup." He went on to explain that, "When Ms. Negligent is conducting illegal business, she makes sure to do so after class hours, as she is a notoriously dedicated student."

If you or anyone you know has fallen victim to a Zoom catastrophe, please contact the University's Counseling & Student Development Center for further support.

command strips I attach to it and then take off in a short amount of time will damage the fabric and I don't want that to happen. But then I got here and realized it's just not the same vibes without my flag. So now I have one for school and one for home." Dave Partney '22 said.

Partney's dorm features a singular "Saturdays Are For The Boys" flag on one wall as well as a few lonesome Natural Light beers on his nightstand.

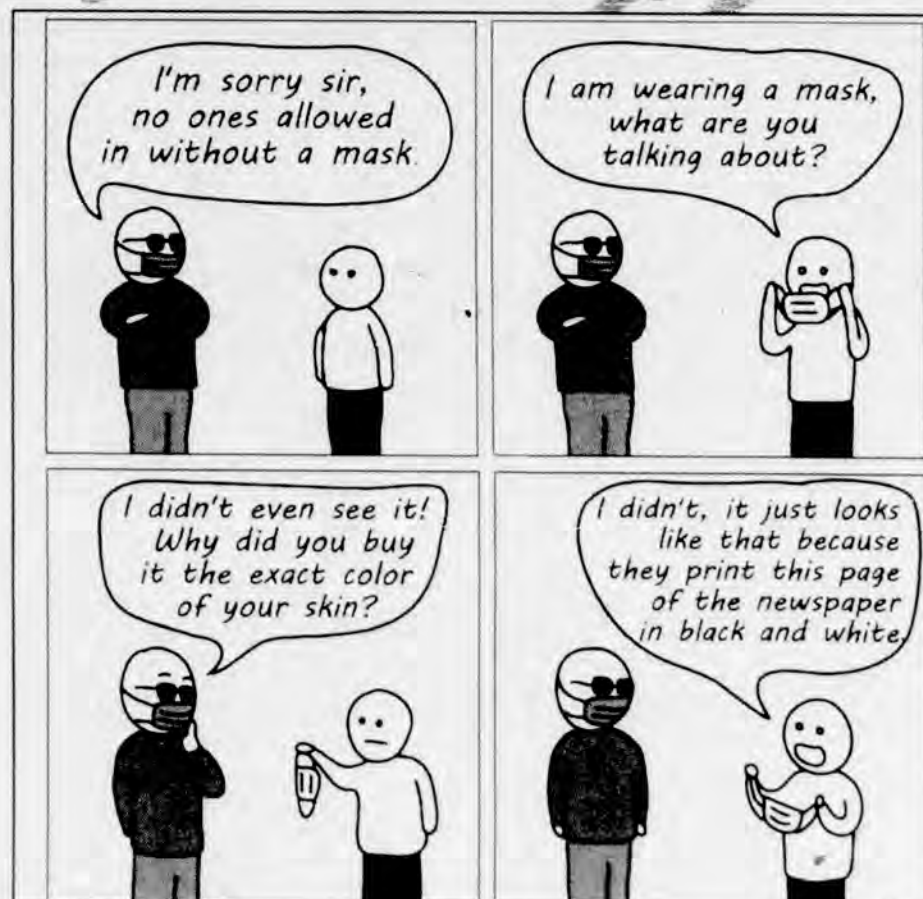
I felt it necessary to bring absolutely every single one of my belongings just in case I needed something and I couldn't go back home to get it. That is why I needed to bring my underwater basket weaving practice kit, as well as my blow-up kiddie pool. My room at home looks very

similar to Dave's room, minus the Natty Light and flag, empty." Cora Viros '23 said.

Viros's room looks almost as if a bomb went off, but also as if VSCO Headquarters themselves came into her room and arranged it for her. Very well done, but just a little bit overwhelming. What color are the walls? At least now I know the different kinds of wildflowers thanks to her poster. It is certainly a good thing she remembered to bring every single one of her cameras, string lights and all of the posters she owns, because how else would she survive? Good thinking, Cora.

If either of these rooms sounds a bit too similar to yours, please consult the University's packing list. I promise it's actually worth a read.

## Kyle's Corner



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# PANDEMICS & PAYCHECKS: Using Virtual Career Fairs to Find a Job

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With an impressive network of over 50,000 living alumni, University students usually have no problem finding a career. Some of the University's former students have

gone on to work for Accenture, CNN, ESPN, Facebook, Goldman Sachs, Google and Johnson & Johnson, according to the University's website. Also listed on the website is the mean starting salary of the Class of 2018 (averaging \$59,628) and the percentage of the class

that was employed, enrolled in graduate school, preparing for graduate school or volunteering within nine months of graduating (96%). However, if you are a senior who is preparing to graduate or any other student at the University looking to be proactive about your

career search, don't worry. The pandemic has not succeeded in preventing us from returning to campus, and it will not prevent us from finding a career. With the Center for Career Advancement (CCA) open and operating, there is no excuse for students to not be on the job hunt.

## What is the CCA Offering This Semester?

As most of us are aware, the onset of COVID-19 has in many ways limited our usual methods of operation, both on-campus and at home. In order to protect students, faculty and staff in the CCA, the CCA has made adjustments to its previous methods of operations. The office has switched to conducting in-person visits by appointment only and remote counseling appointments. Students are now able to call, email or use Handshake to schedule appointments

with the center. Additionally, the CCA conducts open group Zoom sessions every Monday-Friday to offer weekly career support.

In addition to virtual counseling calls, the CCA has switched the two main career fair events of the fall semester to a virtual format. In order to ensure safety, the event is planned in a manner that University students can still engage, chat and contact employers on a personal level — the only difference being the communication is over Zoom.

## Advice to Find a Job During the Pandemic?

When asked about the current job climate and her advice on how students can maximize their efforts to find a career right now, Executive Director of Career Services at the CCA Pamela Keiser noted that students should not "sit back and be idle."

"Students should do all they can to be aware of trends and activity in the industries they are interested in pursuing. Make time to read [and] follow things like the Wall Street Journal, business sections of the NY Times and other major newspapers in regions you'd like to pursue work," Keiser said. She emphasized the importance of this information and how it will allow students to identify fields

that are doing well and which ones are hurting.

Additionally, she recommends connecting with alumni of the University. "LinkedIn and the Bucknell Alumni Directory are both great tools at students' fingertips to do this work," Keiser said. "Make good use of the Bucknell network — most alumni want to be helpful and really enjoy when students reach out to them to ask questions, and seek advice and suggestions."

With the two virtual career fairs right around the corner, University students should take the CCA's advice and "not be idle." Start preparing so when the new virtual career fair rolls around the corner, you know what to expect.

## How Should I Prepare?

Some great resources about how to attend a virtual career fair and what to wear are available on Handshake, the University's new online platform for career services, and its blog. Additionally, instructions on how to sign up for virtual fair sessions, participate in a career fair, and troubleshoot video problems can be located on Handshake's Help Center.

We've listed a few below

for your convenience:

- <https://learn.joinhandshake.com/students/attending-a-virtual-career-fair-here-are-10-tips-you-need-to-know/>
- <https://learn.joinhandshake.com/students/prepare-for-virtual-recruitment-challenge/>
- <https://learn.joinhandshake.com/career-centers/key-considerations-for-student-success-at-virtual-fairs>

## Who? What? Where? When?

In addition to planning events for the fall semester, the CCA has listed the below dates and times for two of the full-time virtual career fairs:

Thursday, Sept. 3 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday, Sept. 10 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Virtual Fair Format

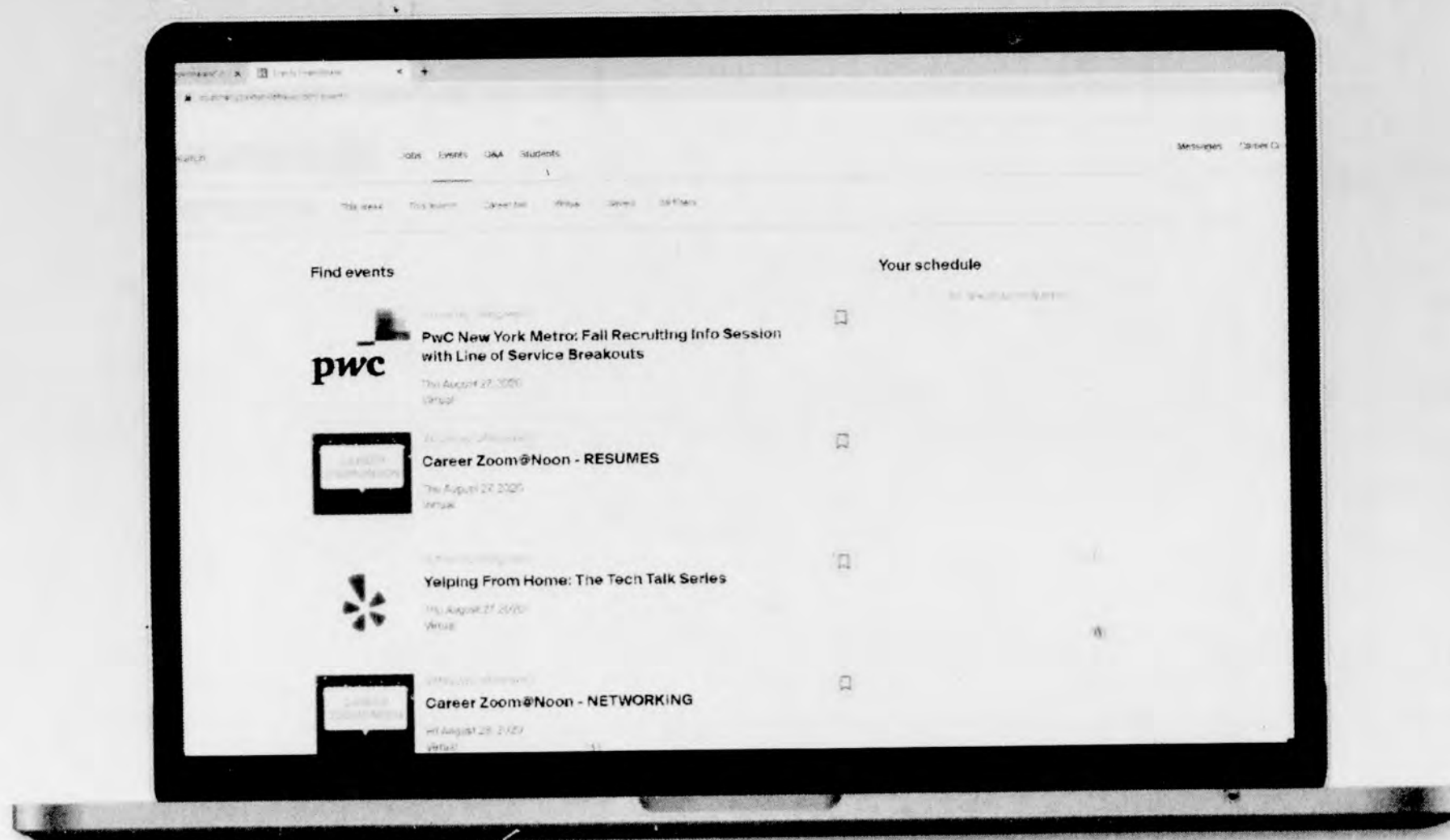
Although many University students have never participated in a career fair on a virtual platform, there is nothing to fear. The CCA has created a virtual outline for the fair, which is familiar to in-person career fairs and will help students be comfortable in this new setting.

Associate Director of Career Services and Internships Alison Ordonez is one of the many staff members working to help students prepare for the two virtual fairs.

"Employers are able to host up to five small 30-minute group information sessions in addition to one-on-one individual student interactions over the duration of

the career fair," Ordonez said. "Students must first register to attend the virtual career fair and then will be prompted to create their schedule for the day of the fair by registering to attend both small group information sessions as well as one-on-one sessions with employers."

Students will be able to sign up for one-on-one sessions on the event date, meaning they will have more control over their schedules and spend less time waiting in long lines to talk to specific employers. This is one of the many reasons why Ordonez thinks this new virtual format will be successful and beneficial.





## Should the NFL fire Robert Kraft?

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Robert Kraft is an American entrepreneur and philanthropist widely known for his success as the owner of the New England Patriots. Since his beginning with the Patriots in 1994, the team has been one of the most consistently successful in the National Football League (NFL). In only 26 years, the team has won six super bowls and has gained the highest winning percentage in all of professional sports. More recently, Kraft's name has been advertised in a less positive light. In January 2019, while visiting the Orchids of Asia Day Spa in Jupiter, Fla., Kraft was suspected of acting in two instances of soliciting prostitution. In a multi-county-wide investigation, police encountered video evidence of Kraft and multiple other patrons of Orchids of Asia Day Spa paying for services shortly after acting in sexual acts with employees of the spa.

Although there is video

evidence of this misconduct, Kraft's legal team led by William Burck has convinced multiple judges that the video evidence being used to charge these patrons was seized unlawfully. In public places of undress, surveillance should not be operated. Most public places do conduct surveillance in order to prevent crime, but in private areas such as bathrooms or changing rooms, any recording should not be of any value. The ruling of the court is to protect the Fourth Amendment right to disavow unreasonable search and seizures. Law enforcement was in a complicated situation, as they required evidence to convict Kraft and others involved; however, the Supreme Court ruled this specific proof unlawful, making it unusable in any court.

Within the case, Kraft denied any accusations against him and hired reliable lawyers to help him prove his innocence. In a public statement, he apologized, "I am truly sorry. I know I have hurt and disappointed my family, my close friends, my co-workers, our fans and many others who rightfully hold me

to a higher standard." While Kraft may have apologized, he did not wholly admit to any wrongdoings.

So the real question is: should Kraft walk away from his position as a team owner? In the past, members of the NFL have had a few instances similar to this, wherein they engaged in questionable behavior yet there was not necessarily any reasonable proof of misconduct. If Kraft pleads not guilty, there is no real evidence; if the judges are convinced of his innocence, then there should be no real reason for him to step down from his position. If he were to step down on his own merit he would essentially be admitting to these wrongdoings after previously denying them. However, should he be punished for skepticism and embarrassment brought to him and his otherwise successful team? This is a challenge that the NFL will have to face. Will they give owners and players the ability to get away with misdemeanors like this one, making them more acceptable in the already controversial world we live in?

## I tested positive for COVID-19 on campus. I will not be the last.

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On Monday, Aug. 17, the first day of classes, I woke up in my double room with a fever. I emailed my professors to let them know that, yes, it's the first day of classes, and yes, I won't be able to make it in person. I also let my roommate know that I wasn't feeling well.

Characteristic of the nationwide spread, very few days had elapsed on our University's campus before COVID-19 — which had prematurely ended the University's spring semester — came to wreak havoc this time around. After becoming fully symptomatic and receiving a test that same Monday, the results came in late Tuesday night: I was COVID-19 positive.

My COVID-19 situation eerily mirrored the one sent out as an image at the top of University President John Bravman's "Mask Up or Pack Up" email. I was likely exposed in the few days before I arrived on campus. However, I received no test on move-in day because I had negative tests from seven and 14 days prior to moving in. Had I received a rapid test during move-in, as students who failed to hear back from their second test did, the chances that my then-asymptomatic case would have been screened out before move-in would have been much greater. I would be surprised if I was the only student with that experience.

I was among the first half-dozen University students to go to off-campus isolation housing at the Comfort Suites. There, Student Health did daily check-ins as promised to monitor my symptoms, and I'm extremely fortunate that my overall condition remained stable. The actual logistics of the isolation, and who to include in such accommodations, however, were being worked out as

the various departments went along (University administration, Student Health, the volunteer contact tracers, Dining Services, etc.).

While I do understand that much of this supply chain is new, with much to be ironed out in its execution, a lapse in the University's isolation policy kept me living with my roommate while I was symptomatic with a fever for 36 hours. While I can't conclusively say that he caught COVID-19 from our brief time living together, I can say that he tested positive several days after I did.

Here, I will be brutally honest: while I have heard offhandedly of people I tangentially knew from high school that got COVID-19, I had never really considered getting it myself. Statistics like 175,000 dead or millions infected are numbing and difficult to consider. When one of my friends was in high school, he wrote an essay called "I Don't Care about School Shootings," where he details the numbing effect of tragedy after tragedy on young peoples' ability to actually consider their depth. Unconsciously minimizing tragedies becomes all too easy when their breadth and depth become incomprehensible. Here, I believe a similar effect has applied. The New York Times' front page a few months back, showing a name and short biography for 1,000 of those dead, just 1% of the nationwide losses at that point, burns poignantly in my mind.

It can be easy to lose sight of the point of these guidelines and regulations. I am no exception to that trend: as a young person, it has still taken me a long time to critically consider the effects of my actions.

To students follow guidelines. Wear masks. Socially distance. And do not go to parties

or large social events. This disease is not pleasant or "easy" to get over. Isolation is not enjoyable for anyone involved, but especially not for your friends. If you begin to show symptoms or test positive, current policy necessitates a 14-day isolation of you and anyone you have seen within the past 48 hours. That isolation is not fun (but necessary), so avoid exposure if at all possible, even if solely for that reason.

To the administration: enforce the guidelines you set. If mistakes happen in the carrying out of these policies, admit it candidly and transparently, with a new plan to be better. Help your students to be well-informed and safe, for they trust you with their lives and futures here at Lewisburg.

Holding in-person instruction in the midst of a pandemic is bound to be rife with missteps and misinformation that seem clear in retrospect. This "fog of war" is something that I do understand when I say these words; however, many of these decisions don't just seem clear in the retrospect, but in the current moment as well. Transparency of all decision-making processes and inclusion of students in that conversation is vital to act with 100 percent of the best information that we have, right now.

While the "onus is on us [individuals]" to keep the spread at bay, as Bravman wrote in an email to the campus community, it is also on the administration to enable good decision-making through sound policy-making and to take appropriate action against intentional bad decision-making. I will not be the last student to catch COVID-19 while in Lewisburg, and our University's decisions regarding this crisis must rise to serve not only our students but the community that we live in at large.

## Beware of top cop 'feminism'



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On Aug. 12, news media reported a breaking story we all knew was likely, or even inevitable: Kamala Harris had been chosen as candidate Joe Biden's running mate in the 2020 election. Liberals and even some progressives soared at the news, confident in Harris's leadership and hopeful for the representation of a Black and South Asian woman as future Vice President of the United States. The representation of Black and South Asian women in this way represents a major victory. Still, I, along with others, remain skeptical of not just the choice of Harris as the running mate, but also the Biden campaign and its rhetoric. Each of these characters probably deserves their own article, but I lack the psychological capacity to deal with liberalism for longer periods of time, so I'm going to be doing an around the board review of the Biden/Harris campaign to this point. To save you some time, it gives me a great deal of worry.

Biden himself has been claimed to be quite possibly the most progressive president since FDR. This might be the case, but FDR also funneled government money into segregated New Deal programs designed for whites only, expanded U.S. imperialism abroad and interned Japanese people for the crime of having been born, so the bar is on the floor, folks. Already, Biden's continual rhetoric challenges the notion that the portion of the Left can win progressive victories within his presidency. On July 28, Biden released a statement calling for the full prosecution of "anarchists" and "arsonists." Biden utilizes and then promptly denies the use of law and order political rhetoric when he says "there is no place for violence and the

destruction of property," although maybe I should give him credit for consistency here because he may be alluding to his stoic defense of the Keystone XL natural gas pipeline built over indigenous lands during Obama's presidency. It takes political courage to not evolve on the issue of the use of political violence by dispossessed communities from the era he gave a eulogy at Strom Thurmond's funeral in 2003 until now. A heightening of sinophobia caused by Biden's tightening critique of China also gives me particular concern, because it seems both Biden and Trump are strong manning over who can be the bigger white savior of the Uighur Muslims while at the same time operating concentration camps for migrant families on their own border.

Harris may in some respects be less problematic than an individual like Biden. She, at least one point in the 2020 campaign, supported proposals which may break down systems of generational poverty and racism, including Medicare for All. She later backed down on the elimination of private insurance, and has slowly been changing other perspectives to moderate her tone as well. But for what? It seems as if to participate in Biden's campaign whatsoever she was forced to silence herself on issues regarding restorative justice. Harris, as a VP choice, may also not have been the best pick in a year of heightened Black resistance to the police and institutions of power. Harris, "Top Cop," as she called herself, prosecuted hundreds of non-violent drug offenses and put many Black people behind bars, only to laugh light-heartedly about her own recreational drug use when asked on "The Breakfast Club," a radio show based in New York. She also demed gender-affirming surgery to transgender inmates in California, resulting in

the death of many of these people. To backpedal and apologize for this years later when she was under the process of vetting her record to run for political office truly makes me believe she wasn't sincere in her apology, and those trans folks' lives can never be saved with any move to rehabilitate Harris's PR. Thus, while Harris's term as Attorney General was not as bad as a flat-out reactionary's, her commitment to the progressive values she claims to hold is unclear.

Finally, Biden and Harris have positioned themselves as moderates willing to "Build Back Better." But my ears ring when I hear that phrase. "Build Back Better" means the perpetuation of the American imperial project of building off of Black trans bodies, Yemeni bodies, and so many bodies subject to U.S. mistreatment and abuse domestically and abroad. Lives have been rendered objects and a part of a replaceable background by the Democratic electoral framework that doesn't seek to resist, but instead moderate, fascism. "Build Back Better" is a quiet way of saying "Make America Great Again." Both signify a return, some sense of normalcy, but only for white folks. What is returned to is as American as apple pie, the tradition of the erasure of marginalized people and the slow, hot burn of dehumanization of those who reject social, economic, racial, gendered and cultural norms. Perhaps instead of blindly following centrists to normalized American fascism, the Left should be problematizing the idea that electoral strategy can even serve as harm reduction at all. The Democratic campaign is resting on the safety of people scared of a second Trump presidency, that the public won't realize that a promise made isn't a promise kept. Don't be so naive.



# 9 THINGS TO DO ON-CAMPUS DESPITE THE PANDEMIC

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With the University following regulations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including wearing masks and social distancing, this fall semester is expected to look very different on campus. While it is important to maintain social distanc-

ing to protect other students and the Lewisburg community, this does not mean there aren't any activities occurring on campus. Students can still participate in an array of activities during their free time while taking proper precautions.

## OEL EVENTS

During the pandemic, there is no better place to be than outdoors. Take advantage of Lewisburg's rural wonders after class or even on the weekends. The University's Outdoor Education and Leadership program (OEL) is offering plenty

of services this semester, including kayak and bike rentals, remote meditation classes and hiking, bouldering and camping trips. You can sign up for their upcoming weekend trips at [bucknelluel.org](http://bucknelluel.org).

## KEEPING IT REEL

As always, the Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Center is organizing fun activities for students to sign up for. Join the CAP Center for some Saturday Movie Nights on the quad — everything from new movies to some favorite throwbacks. Additionally, the CAP

Center will be hosting a variety of other events, such as DIY Night on Aug. 28, S'mores and More on Sept. 4, Country Fair on Sept. 11, Escape Room on Sept. 18, and Just Desserts on Sept. 25. So make sure to stay safe, but busy, and sign up for these fun events.

## JOIN A FITNESS CLASS!

Following a maximum capacity alongside other restrictions, the Kenneth Lauderbach Center for Recreation (KLARC) has managed to reopen while offering various fitness classes. Especially during an uncertain and possibly stressful time, fitness classes are a great way to get some endorphins pumping. Some of the classes currently

offered include Warrior Ride, Warrior Workout, Free Swim, Bison Ride, High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Yoga and Barre Burn. Additionally, KLARC will be running various league tournaments throughout the semester, including 2 vs. 2 Rocket League tournaments. More information can be found on KLARC's website.

## LAWN GAMES

As another offering from CAP, lawn games are available for students to rent out. Enjoy competing against friends in a small group or solo!

## GOLF

You can go play a round of golf at the University's own golf course. The Driving Range and The 1846 Grill are both open and following COVID precautions.

## 7TH STREET STUDIO & MAKERSPACE

With safety measures in place — such as wearing masks, designated workspaces, hand sanitation and maximum capacity limits — the 7th Street Studio & Makerspace has reopened this semester. Every Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m., 7th Street Studio & Makerspace will be hosting events outside. In addition to being able to create DIY crafts, including acrylic paint pours, splatter painting, boho tassels and mason jar planters, students can also learn other

stress-relieving techniques like bullet journaling. Tuesdays and Thursdays will also include pop-up programs outside the studio for some fun crafting. This semester, the studio will remain open from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 5 p.m. - midnight on weekends. For more information on events going on at 7th Street, students can check out @7thstreetstudio\_makerspace on Instagram, or look at the University's website.

## RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

On Sunday mornings, the Religious and Spiritual Life Team will host Ecumenical Christian Chapel services. These events will be socially distanced and feature a different student singer each week. Shabbat dinners will also be offered in the Berelson Center. Lastly, the Catholic Campus Ministry will continue to host mass on Thursday nights

at 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., followed by a social event afterward. Many of the events will take place outside in order to accommodate social distancing guidelines. Students can check out the Religious and Spiritual Life Team's Facebook page for more details about upcoming events.

## JOIN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION!

Just because students have to be more careful about interacting with one another, doesn't mean they have to lose interest in joining clubs and organizations on-campus. For more information on the wide range of clubs offered at the University, visit Get Involved or the Cap

Center's Youtube channel, and find a club that interests you. In fact, the Bucknellian is always looking to add more student voices to our staff. If you are interested in writing, photographing, or designing layout, please contact [bucknellian@bucknell.edu](mailto:bucknellian@bucknell.edu).

## FIRE PIT

As a gift from the Class of 2020, a new fire pit was built next to the South Campus Apartments. As long as students are maintaining their

proper social distance and wearing, they should not hesitate to gather around the fire and make some s'mores with friends.

Check out some of the upcoming events on Campus at <https://getinvolved.bucknell.edu/events>



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Students paint plant pots outside at 7th Street Studio and Makerspace. See A3 for more photos. PHOTO COURTESY OF 7TH STREET STUDIO AND MAKERSPACE

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MASK UP OR PACK UP

## CCA hosts Virtual Community Service Fair on Handshake

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The Center for Career Advancement (CCA) hosted a Virtual Community Service Fair via Handshake on Tuesday, Sept. 1. From 4-6 p.m., students had the opportunity to join various video sessions run by members of on-campus and local community organizations where they could obtain information, ask questions and share contact information. Among the organizations in attendance were Lewisburg Children's Museum, Lewisburg

Community Garden, Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy, Mother Maria Kaupas Center, SUMMIT Early Learning and the Bucknell Farm.

Toward the end of last spring semester, the CCA announced its transition from LinkedIn to Handshake. This network was founded in 2013 and was created by students at Michigan Tech University to bridge the opportunity gap in response to "the glaring

absence of college students at

## BSG announces election results

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On Aug. 28, the University announced the results of the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) election for the 2020-2021 school year. Kip Hallagan '21, Caroline Tattersfield '22, Isaiah Mays '23 and Bernie Maramis '23 were all elected presidents of their class.

The student body voted for candidates whom they believed were qualified to support the needs of all students. Each elected official plays an important role in the University, representing their respective class in the executive committee, House committees or Congress. These elected officials also meet once a week all together at Congress to discuss as a group what is necessary to improve the lives of the student population. Some of the winners are returning to their position, while others have been elected for the first time.

"I voted based on whether they had information attached to their names in the ballot to see if they could persuade me into voting for them. If none of the candidates had it, I voted based on people whose names I recognized," Carlos Gonzalez '24 said.

BSG aims to provide

representation and a voice for all students in the University. One of the areas that many BSG members hope to amend is the meal plan. The University's newly announced meal plan for the semester has resulted in concern among students about its quality and affordability.

"BSG is the voice of the students and we will make sure that their voices will be heard. Students deserve edible food and a reasonably priced meal plan. When talking about COVID-19, we encourage students to take precautions in order for all of us to have a safe and healthy academic year," Isaiah Mays, president of the class of '23, said.

For some students, studying remotely from campus results in a social barrier from being able to be more involved on campus. "With the current climate, I hope student government can create activities or create any other type of involvement that will allow on-campus and remote students to interact with each other and get to know each other well, as it's easy for remote students to sometimes feel disconnected or not included," Krystell Ewing '24 said.

Aside from these elected official roles, House committees such as the Academic, Advocacy, Commu-

nity, Diversity, Sustainability or Organizational Review Board (ORB) committees also work toward improving the University. With the recent visibility of the Black Lives Matter movement, many universities have taken measures to become a more welcoming environment for Black and BIPOC communities, something that the Diversity Committee has made an effort to improve.

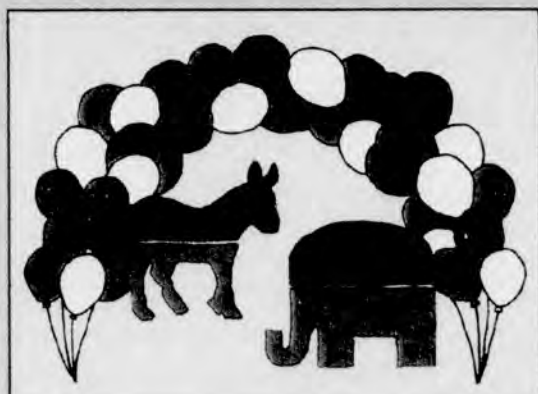
"In general, through the committee, we have and will continue to hold Bucknell accountable to what they state to be their diversity and inclusion objectives and for them to go beyond just utilizing diversity as a method of advertising," Jasmine Minhas '22, the chair of the Diversity Committee, said.

Throughout the summer, Minhas and the Diversity Committee worked with Public Safety in hopes of demilitarizing and defunding portions of the department. Although the University preferred to implement more diversity training, Minhas believes that the Diversity Committee will continue to do its best to advocate for the University's Black community.

"Our goal with this committee is to start building those relationships and

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

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News Content Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

A report detailing the allegations of fraud in Belarus's recent presidential election was released on Sept. 1. Incumbent President Alexander Lukashenko won reelection with 80% of the vote. Protests erupted throughout the small Eastern European nation, with many claiming the results were rigged. Now, some poll workers are admitting to witnessing ballot fraud and were pressured to falsify results in favor of Lukashenko. It has also been revealed that the opposition candidate, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, was in the lead in many precincts.

A landmark trial related to the Jan. 2015 deadly attacks on Charlie Hebdo employees began on Sept. 1 in Paris. The gunmen fatally shot journalists and illustrators at the office of the French satirical magazine, and a police officer and shoppers at a Jewish supermarket during the three-day killing spree. Cherif and Said Kouachi and Amedy Coulibaly have all been charged with supplying weapons to terrorists, financing terrorism and membership of a terrorist organization.

## DOMESTIC

Portland, Ore. Mayor Ted Wheeler and Portland, Ore. officials are calling for an end to the Black Lives Matter protests that have spanned nearly 100 days. On Aug. 29, supporters of pro-Trump rallies clashed with anti-racist protesters in downtown Portland, resulting in a man being fatally shot. Governor Kate Brown announced that the state will take more steps to crack down on the violence.

Three COVID-19 vaccine candidates are now in Phase 3 trials in both the United States and the United Kingdom. There are currently over six million cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with the number of new cases falling in 15 states, but rising in the Midwest. Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota all have had more cases in the last seven days than they have had in any previous week during the pandemic. The biggest surge of new cases have come in college towns. For instance, Grand Forks, N.D., where the University of North Dakota is located, now has one of the highest per capita growth rates in the country.

## 7th Street Studio &amp; MakerSpace hosts pop-up bullet journaling

Ellie Lowe  
Staff Writer

On Aug. 29, from 7-11 p.m., the 7th Street Studio & Makerspace held a bullet journaling event.

The event encouraged students to combine their inner creativity and organization skills to design journals that would help them remain organized throughout the semester. This event also tied in with last week's DIY Calendar Night, where students made whiteboard calendars to help them keep track of their commitments. Like the week prior, the event was held outside of the 7th Street Studio to accom-

modate for social distancing.

The studio supplied materials like gel pens, markers and calendar-themed stickers for the evening. The journals were plain and square, serving as a blank canvas for the artist's vision. Some people wrote their names while others drew pictures, but everyone made a unique journal personalized to them.

"It's a super cute event and it's fun to watch people's creativity come to life," Makerspace Staff member Eighth Trejo '21 said.

Students who felt more comfortable participating in the activity at a different location could grab a to-go bag which

included a journal, some stickers and a six-in-one colored pen. The 7th Street Studio & Makerspace delivered the to-go bags to students in quarantine.

With the current uncertainties, many students found this event to be a nice escape from their everyday lives and a great way to express themselves. "When you have a lot of feelings stuck inside you, you can get it out through journaling and events," Palma Foschi Walko '21 said.

"The Makerspace offers so many fun free activities that allow you to express yourself outside the classroom, even if you're not artistic," Catherine

Craig '23 said.

The 7th Street Studio & Makerspace has made sure to adopt social distancing protocols, such as limiting the number of people allowed in the studio at once, to keep students safe while also providing them with a creative outlet. Students can use the studio from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on weekdays and 5 p.m.-12 a.m. on weekends.

Upcoming events at the 7th Street Studio & Makerspace include Firefly Mason Jars on Sept. 4 from 9-11 p.m. and Water Color Painting on Sept. 5 from 7-11 p.m. Both events will be held at the 7th Street Studio and are free to attend.

Maddie Margioni  
Staff Writer

According to Samek Art Museum Director Richard Rinehart, the museum usually "presents a mix of exhibitions, some that are traveling and some that are organized in-house by the Samek in which we come up with the idea and borrow art directly from individual artists, collectors and galleries." However, this fall, a new type of exhibition has been presented to the community.

On Aug. 19, the do it (home) exhibition was brought to the Samek Art Museum. This exhibit was originally organized by Independent Curators International (ICI) as a traveling exhibition in 1995.

Do it takes written instructions from local artists and encourages community members to enact and interpret them at home. Each week, two of the instructions will be performed by community members. Their results will be featured on the wall of the gallery alongside the instructions. As the exhibit evolves over the semester, it will "provide a snapshot of our community at this historic moment," Rinehart said.

Do it's founder, Hans Ulrich Obrist, has commented on the evolution of the exhibit during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Do it has always taken place in public and in private — spheres of life that for many have coalesced in recent months."

Rinehart noted that this particular exhibit was not the Samek's original plan for the fall semester, but that COVID-19 had changed the Samek's plans. Do it (home) was, as

Rinehart said, "a last-minute change, but in the end, I believe a very good one."

At Samek, this exhibit has taken on a virtual feel, which has allowed participation from many community members on many different projects. On Samek's website, there are multiple sets of instructions from international artists available for interpretation by anyone in the community simply by following the instructions and posting their creations to Instagram with the hashtag #doithome.

"At this unprecedented time in our history, both global and local, this show really brings people together because we can see an international art instruction that has been interpreted and made by one of our professors or another student," Rinehart said about the exhibition.

Assistant Professor of English Chase Gregory described her experience interpreting a set of instructions on the exhibit as "restorative in ways I didn't imagine it being." Gregory was instructed to write down her fears on rice paper, burn and bury the ashes in dirt, and then plant flowers over it. Gregory said that working with her partner on the project "took on an unexpected gravitas that I wasn't expecting at all; it felt weirdly important, and at the same time, it was silly."

The do it (home) exhibition will be taking place virtually through Nov. 21. Students and community members can access the exhibit through the museum's web page. Community members can share their results on Instagram using the hashtag #doithome.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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inequality in career opportunities for students across the country." It is now the leading budding career community in the United States. Having advanced platforms that are suitable for computer and smartphone use, they provide accessible and advantageous resources and opportunities for students to begin their career paths.

In response to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Handshake has programmed further digital resources — namely, virtual career fairs. In addition to this, they have posted articles on their blog that share how these virtual events can be advantageous and offer useful tips on how to make the best use of them.

The CCA on campus has also made an effort to provide additional assistance to students during this time. The CCA staff sends frequent emails to students about virtual fairs and help sessions, relay current information through the Message Center

Digest daily emails and the Career Center tab on MyBucknell, and keep the University's Handshake page updated with all appointments, resources/surveys, events and job applications.

For Tuesday's virtual fair, students were instructed to sign up for group sessions and/or 1 on 1 video sessions with a staff member or director from each organization. Lewisburg Downtown Partnership was represented by their Executive Director, Ellen Ruby, who spoke about their various opportunities and answered questions from students. Similarly, Education Director Lindsey

Walter spoke about the Lewisburg Children's Museum. Carl Nelson, Education and Outreach Coordinator of the Lewisburg Community Garden and a staff member at the Office of Civil Engagement, represented both the Community Garden and the Bucknell Farm. This session included a PowerPoint and encouraged student involvement.

"While the fair was virtual via Handshake, I was still able to engage with program coordinators, ask meaningful questions and connect with amazing community service opportunities. I can't wait to volunteer and contribute to the Lewisburg Children's Museum," Sarah Frischmann '23 said.

Although the community service fair was virtual this year it was still a good way to connect with different organizations to find a way to give back during these strange times," Ryleigh McGaw '24 said.

During these unstable times, with a global pandemic asserting its force, getting involved with community service and finding opportunities to give back to our community is more important than ever. For those who were unable to attend the Virtual Community Service Fair, more details can be found on the Civic Engagement page of the University's website.

## ELECTION RESULTS

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trust with the many diverse communities at Bucknell through action to show that their collective wellbeing is a priority," Minhas said.

President of the Class of '24, Bernie Maramis reiterated these goals. "I plan to bridge the gap between students of color and white students by

hosting inclusive activities — whether it be virtual or in-person (with social distancing in mind). I intend on using my platform to be a voice for the students of color, who are often silenced or not taken seriously on campus," said Maramis.

Although this semester looks very different in com-

parison to previous years, many of the elected officials in BSG are committed to supporting all students. "Even with the difficulties of the pandemic, our BSG class senate is dedicated to making it a fun year for everyone," Andrew Finegan, vice president of the class of '23, said.

## Students enjoy Yard Games &amp; Snacks at Uptown

Max Bean  
Contributing Writer

On Aug. 29 from 7-11 p.m., the University's Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Center held "Yard Games & Snacks at Uptown." Students ate chips, candy and cupcakes as they played Kan Jam, Spikeball and cornhole.

Uptown hosts weekly outdoor events to provide students with an opportunity to socialize while following COVID-19

safety protocols. "The events we are holding outside are a way to adapt to the social distancing guidelines and to present snacks, drinks and entertainment to the students. It's something to do on a weekend night that isn't a party," Jillie Santos '22, Uptown's assistant tech manager, said.

The event was attended by many first-year students as they look to expand their social circle beyond their hall. "It's nice to get out of the dorms and spend time

with each other," Michael Cushing '24 said.

"You can meet people [here] not just from the floor, but from all over as well," Liam Moyer '24 said.

The event was put on by CAP Core, which provides interactive and enriching activities and entertainment for the campus community. Upcoming CAP Core events include S'mores & More on Sept. 4, Keeping it Reel on Sept. 5 and Virtual Trivia on Sept. 8.

Nikki Young  
named Associate  
Provost for Equity  
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Excellence

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On Aug. 1, Associate Professor of Women's & Gender Studies and Religion Nikki Young was officially appointed as the newest Associate Provost for Equity and Inclusive Excellence. In this position, she will work to create and implement a culture of inclusion for vulnerable communities within the University. Young will partner with faculty and administrators to extend programming, projects and structures to amplify marginalized voices.

After receiving her Ph.D. in Christian Social Ethics from Emory University in 2011, Young joined the University as a visiting assistant professor for the Women's & Gender Studies department. Her research focuses on the intersectionality of gender, sexuality and race, and the ways in which various identities are connected to larger systems of power and privilege. She is currently working on two manuscripts: "Home Free: A Transnational Ethics of Black Queer Liberation" and "In Tongues of Mortals and Angels: A De-Constructive Theology of God-Talk in Acts and Paul" in collaboration with Jake Myers and Eric Barreto.

Young's focus on narra-

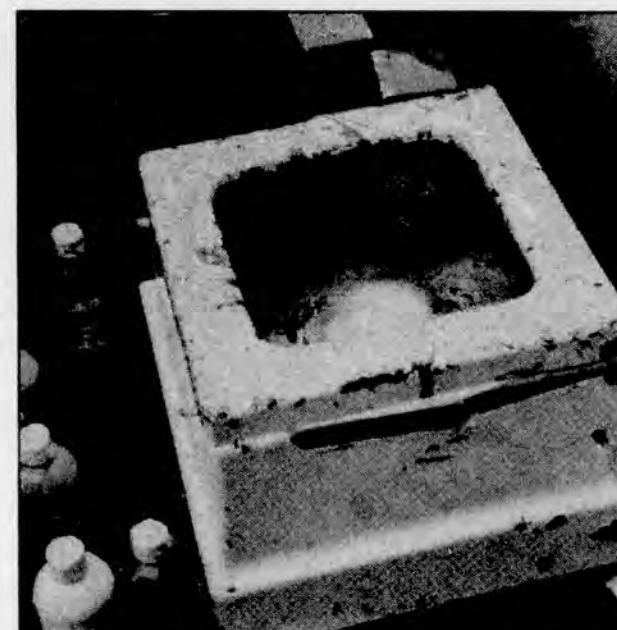
tives of injustice and inequality has equipped her with the knowledge to launch an anti-racism task force that will identify opportunities for systemic change. Moving forward in her new position, Young says she hopes to continue this work by "not only [creating] an inclusive community but also intentionally deconstruct[ing] race and racism, which is distinctive from DEI [diversity, equity and inclusion] efforts."

In the wake of George Floyd's death, Young encouraged the student body to recognize the persistent forms of anti-Black racism and racialized violence in our own communities, and actively use the University liberal arts education to combat these oppressive forces.

Young's former students are excited to see what changes she enacts in her new role. "I was so happy to hear that Dr. Nikki Young has been promoted to Associate Provost for Equity and Inclusive Excellence. As a professor, she challenges her students to think outside the box and pushes them to be their best selves and re-imagine the world they have been taught," Meredith Sullivan '21 said. "When she stepped into the position last year as Interim Associate Provost, I knew she would accomplish great things in this position and push the University further."

## 7th Street Studio &amp; Makerspace hosts outdoor events

Events include Bullet Journaling, plant pot painting and much more. Be sure to follow @7thstreetstudio\_makerspace on Instagram to be notified of future events.



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## Job Fair or Job Free?

Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

Even though the world is on fire and the economy is in the tank, the University is so excited to see everyone at the virtual career fair next weekend. University students, on the other hand, seem to be lacking the enthusiasm usually present at the event where they begin their march of monotony. The Bucknellian has secured an exclusive interview with those showing the most promise for a successful experience during the career fair.

Danny Detached '20 con-

ducted his interview in his formal attire of a University sweatshirt, basketball shorts with an 11-inch inseam and Uggs, all of which he plans to wear in the comfort of his bed when he hopefully meets his future employer for the first time. "First impressions mean everything," Detached said while sipping on a Taco Bell Baja Blast. "I haven't felt this confident about anything since — man, I don't know — last year, I guess?"

While Detached seems surprised to face the reality of his lack of enthusiasm and vigor over the past nine months,

Emma Enthusiast '21 has a different outlook on the current situation. "Honestly, I'm excited to start this new chapter," Enthusiast said. "I have always loved volunteering, and this feels like a great way to see all my options."

When asked to elaborate on that point given the purpose of the event is to help students find prospective career paths, Enthusiast explained that none of the positions available will be offering any type of monetary compensation for the work provided by the students. "Since money doesn't seem to be real anymore and the gov-

ernment has decided we can all live off of \$1,200 for the entire year, employers are making the switch to full-time work without any offered pay as a way to cut down on company costs," Enthusiast said.

While the lack of financial awareness and refusal to allow the world to knock her down is admirable in Enthusiast's case, employers and students alike seem to have completely given up on maintaining any sense of social responsibility and are slowly sinking into the abyss of the unknown that is now our world.

## Why I don't read Message Center emails anymore

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

Every morning at 1:09 a.m. exactly, every single student on the University's campus gets a single notification that lights up their phone in the early hours of the day: a Bucknell Message Center notification.

These emails used to be full of information and helpful tips, as well as fire and safety logs, but the format has made a drastic change since coming back to school.

Coronavirus and COVID-19 are splashed across every single page, every paragraph and every headline. News has shifted to explicitly coronavirus news. No news is

good news.

Some students wanted to share their thoughts and tips and tricks on the new format.

"Okay, so, if you go onto page [redacted] and you scroll down to the bottom there should be a little icon or blurb or something talking about [redacted]. Click on it, and it will take you to a different website where you can pay for negative test results! But not too many people can know, which is why I'm okay with sharing this in the middle of a satire article," Mike Mail '22 said.

"What's nice about the new format is that they've been offering paid research underground to find a vaccine for COVID-19. You just have to know where to look. I get paid

all the time to go and drive a little ways away and get some needles poked into my arm," Isabel Inbox '21 said. "I feel totally fine and keep testing negative so I think it might be working! Best part is for sure the money, though."

"Why did you ask me about this? I don't even read those emails," Eddie Early '23 said.

Clearly the opinions appear to be split, but the general consensus is that the messages are clearly different. Coronavirus has crept into every headline, including the one for this article. I am sorry for contributing to the hype, but of course, I only write about the most important things, like senioritis and dorm decorations.

## Senioritis: A lesser known campus pandemic



GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANNONE, GRAPHICS MANAGER

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

COVID-19 has changed the way the University looks this year: some classes are remote, some are in person, and some are "hybrid," a mixture of the two. Some people follow the rules, others don't and some are "hybrid" as well. Gym time is scarce and library cubicles are the holy grail. Morale is low, while blood alcohol content is high.

One thing that has definitely changed is the number of people affected by the deadly senioritis (death to grades, not people). On more than one occasion, students have been observed doing things that suggest they've given up on senior

year. Of course, this takes place every single year, but this year is especially bad.

"So what if I start drinking at nine in the morning? What're they going to do, breathalyzer me? Tell me I smell like alcohol in my 9 a.m. biology lecture? Absolutely not," Jack Daniel '21 said. "Like, how are they going to yell at me for being drunk on Zoom? Deny, deny, deny. I don't think you understand, my tolerance is better than a first year's. I'm not about to start turning my camera on for class, what do you think this is? We play pong during class."

Daniel's response does raise a lot of questions: how many students are playing

pong behind the camera without professors knowing? I'd guess at least one.

Other seniors shared their disdain for remote classes.

"I actually really hate the way my professor's face is always taking up the full computer screen. Why can't it be my face? I'd much rather look at my own," Sara Saffish '21 said.

"I have yet to attend one of my classes. Why would I wake up to go to class in bed when I can just — keep sleeping? That makes no sense to me," Will Shleep '21 said.

Haley Bird '21 echoed this sentiment. "They're gonna have to offer me shots or something to make me get out of bed

to go to my 10 a.m. lecture in person rather than just doing it online. Seriously, why would anyone do that?" Bird said.

"To be completely honest with you, I'm failing three of my four classes on purpose. If I fail, I can't graduate. Which means I get a fifth year. But I have to pass at least one so my parents don't get too disappointed in me. I'll die if I don't experience another Super before I leave," Mackenzie Smart '21 said.

Hopefully, the cases of coronavirus and senioritis both stay relatively low, although it seems to be that senioritis has already made its way around campus.

## Reasons to not vote: being a STINKY-head

Nick DeMarchis  
Senior Writer

While using the language of a five-year-old isn't uncommon for University students, all of the non-voters on campus have broken records this week with their signature complaints without action.

The leader of the Susquehanna Terminus "I'm Not Knowledgeable, Yeah!" Club (STINKY) is Jane Butts '21. This group, whose members unironically call each other "STINKY-heads," pride themselves on their failure to vote. Their group's slogan, adopted earlier this year at an Organizational Review Board (ORB) hearing, was "You know you're STINKY if you don't vote!"

"Look, we genuinely can't think of one good reason to vote. We don't care about the world around us. We don't care about the well-being of our neighbors, friends, parents and community members. We don't want our voices to be heard, but we do want the right to complain about how things are anyways. Is that too much to ask?" Butts said.

The STINKY-heads (they said I could call them that) have organized a massive "de-register to vote" rally, without masks or social distancing, at 3 a.m. on the Malesardi Quadrangle. Butts told The Bucknellian that "the fact that we will not be using masks or social dis-

tancing is really indicative of our electoral and social intelligence on all issues. We STINKY-heads just want to make sure as few people actually exercise their civic duty, that millions of Americans before them have fought for, as possible."

"At our last meeting, we discussed how easy it is to find information about who to vote for," Butts said. While we know that we can seamlessly find out with whom we agree most on policy from websites like iSideWith or the League of Women Voters, we choose to ignore it. That's because we care about ourselves so much that we won't take 15 minutes out of one day to figure out who we should vote for. And we know our vote won't matter, even though Pennsylvania is a swing state and has 'incredibly important' elections."

"Now you don't have to even pay postage in Pennsylvania if you want to mail in your ballot. We think that's stupid because we think you should have to pay to vote. Because making people pay to vote has absolutely never had negative consequences in the past," Butts said.

Historically, oppressed Americans, such as women and people of color, were denied the right to vote. Now, while our nation still has problems ensuring every eligible American can vote, we're left with STINKY-heads too.

## Outdoor classes leave learning at the door



GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANNONE, GRAPHICS MANAGER

Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

In light of social distancing measures loosely enforced by the University, some faculty members are opting to move their classes outside so the spread of the novel coronavirus can be achieved while looking at passing squirrels on campus.

While this scenic change was pitched as a way to give students the illusion of safety precautions, professors have an ulterior motive. "Outdoor classes are one of the newest ways to show the administration we're showing up for class without providing our students with any substantial knowledge," Professor Samuel Shyster, a tenured employee, said.

When asked to elaborate on this idea, Visiting Professor Clara Conniving brought some interesting points to the picnic table she uses for her classes. "We spend up to 80% of the class either being interrupted by passing traffic, repeating what we have already said, or debating whether we need to be wearing masks in this setting," Conniving said. "By the time we have to even begin thinking about teach-

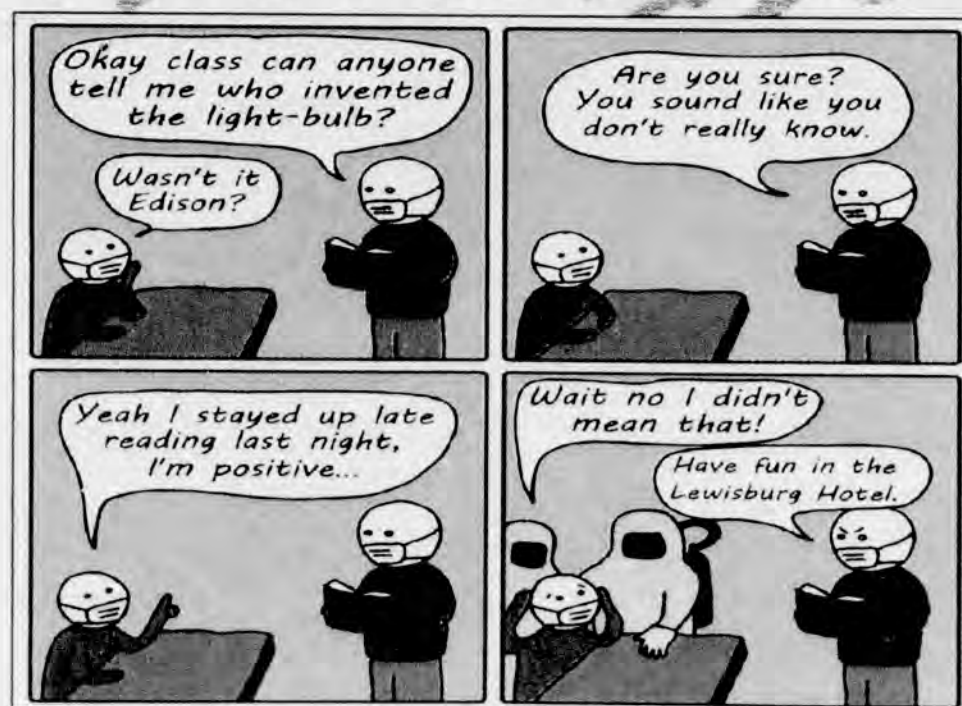
ing assigned material, half of the class has gotten a sunburn and left anyway."

In other words, Shyster and Conniving are thrilled to have their classes outside because it significantly cuts down on their course planning and overall mental exertion.

When asked why they are laying all their cards on the table, Shyster explained, in between the sounds of honking coming from student drivers, that it is nearly impossible to be let go from a job at the University, as literally no one is looking to take up teaching in the midst of a pandemic. "I used to joke that after I became tenured, I'd have to kill one of my students in order to get fired," Shyster said. "Now we've brought them all back in the middle of a global health crisis, so I don't even think that would get me fired anymore."

Wendy Worry '21 is thrilled by the change in scenery, as she is concerned about her time left. "I felt like I had to come back, but now I'm scared to see if any of us will make it through the semester," Worry said. "If our time comes, I'm glad my last days here won't be spent in one of those buildings."

## Kyle's Corner



COMIC BY KYLE BUTTS, GRAPHIC ARTIST



# Community Service in a Pandemic

Libby Darrell  
Special Features Editor

In addition to the various events and activities occurring on campus this semester, students at the University may be wondering what else there is to do in central Pennsylvania. While many have

been utilizing the great outdoors of Lewisburg — either renting kayaks from Outdoor Education and Leadership (OEL) to explore the Susquehanna or scoping out local areas like the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail — there are still plenty of programs happening on campus. If you are one of those

people searching for things to do at the University, look no further.

This fall semester, the Office of Civic Engagement has been working hard to provide as many community service opportunities as it can during the pandemic. With the proper safety precautions in place, the Office of Civic Engage-

ment has encouraged students to help the Lewisburg community at the time when it needs it most. While students obviously must use discretion and care when interacting with each other and others outside of the University's community, the pandemic cannot stop students at the University from giving back.

## A NEW SENSE OF SERVICE

Prior to the pandemic, the University's students could engage in a variety of off-campus service programs; however, with new safety precautions in place in Lewisburg and the rest of the country, the University's Office of Civic Engagement has had to adjust its prior programs in order to do its part in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Before the spread, programs and events such as Bucknell Buddies — an after-school program for children in Union County — thrived. Other events like Community Harvest allowed University students to serve hot meals to the Milton community, according to the University's website. In addition, other annual events included: Snack Pack (a food donation to low-income fam-

ilies with children of schooling age), Turkeys and Trimmings, The Giving Tree and Empty Bowls.

Assistant Director of Community Service Lyni Pierson explained that while not all community service programs can continue as before, the Office of Civic Engagement has ensured students still have chances to give back.

"Some of our local community partners are able to offer virtual opportunities to work with children and seniors and others who might be socially isolated," Pierson said.

However, as for in-person opportunities, the Office of Civic Engagement is being cautious. They have advised local agencies to limit in-person contact in order to follow the University's and state of Pennsylvania's COVID-19 guidelines.

## VIRTUAL SERVICE FAIR

If all of those amazing service opportunities are not enough, students can sign up for a Virtual Service Fair on Handshake. The fairs feature a variety of service agencies that students can work for. While the most recent service fair occurred on Sept. 1, students should keep monitoring Handshake for more opportunities.

Although our current fight against COVID-19 has been difficult for many members of our community and we

should strive to protect every member at all costs, we must not forget the other ways in which community members need support. Whether that be food support, healthy living lessons or mental health safety, the University's students can continuously promote change in the Lewisburg area and beyond, as long as their service abides by the Lewisburg and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

## THE LEWISBURG COMMUNITY GARDEN

During the fall semester, the Lewisburg Community Garden is offering in-person volunteer opportunities at a limited capacity. Located at the intersection of North Water St. and St. Anthony Street, roughly a mile away from campus, the Lewisburg Community Garden allows students to get some fresh air and clear their minds. In addition to offering service opportunities to students as a joint project between the University and the Borough of Lewisburg, the garden allows community members to rent plots to grow produce that they can later donate to local food programs.

In order to protect Uni-

versity students and Lewisburg community members, the Lewisburg Garden is creating a maximum capacity of volunteers. Jen Schneidman Partica, the Lewisburg Community Garden and Bucknell Farm coordinator, encourages students to still participate. But those interested will need to sign up, as there are limited spots in order to create safe, small groups. The Lewisburg Community Garden is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week from 4-7 p.m. For more information about signups, interested volunteers — whether students, faculty, staff or community members — can look on the University's website.

## BUCKNELL FARM

In addition to working at the Lewisburg Community Garden, students can help out at the Bucknell Farm, located on campus near the South Campus Apartments.

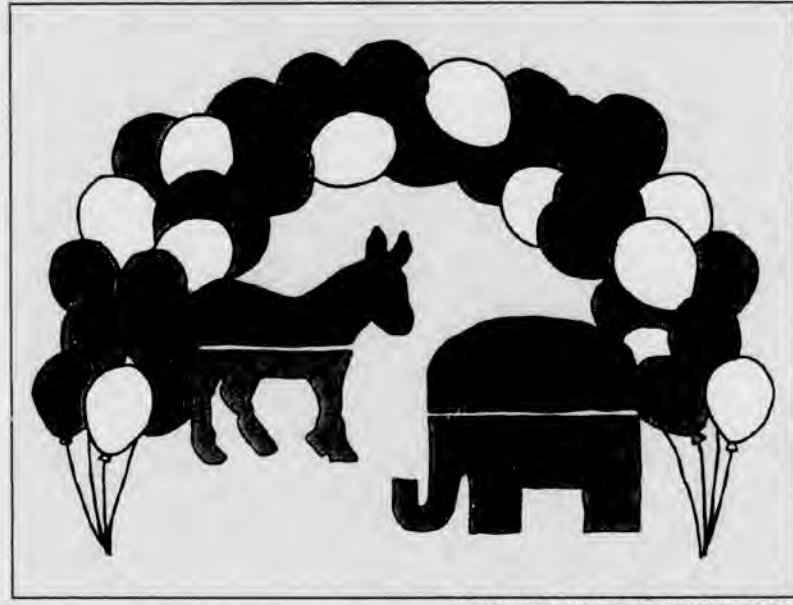
"Almost every week on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, we work together at the Farm, weeding, harvesting, watering and more," Partica said. "Currently, our produce is donated to the B-Eats Student Food

Pantry and extra goes to local community food programs."

In addition to being a source of food to B-Eats campus food pantry, the Bucknell Farm acts as an academic research space, supporting the University's sustainability and eco-friendly goals, according to the University's website. And especially now, during a pandemic, what is a better space to relax in than outside with the fresh air and circulation?



## Do we still need national conventions?



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

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Another round of national conventions has concluded in anticipation of the 2020 election, coronating former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. President Donald Trump as the two major parties' official presidential candidates. Yet even after both had concluded, one question lingered on many viewers' minds: "Why do we still have these?" After all, the party electoral of the 1970s reduced the once-major role conventions played in selecting the nominees. Is it simply a formality at this point? Not so, these over-the-top gatherings may not be paramount in the electoral process, but that does not mean that they don't serve a purpose.

This year was, needless to say, much different from any other convention. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic this year put significant strain on all in-person events across the country, and in the case of the convention, further stymied its ability to influence outside of its traditional voter base. Conventions as a whole are far from pointless. In recent elections, they have acted as a platform for factions in the party to delineate their often competing interests. In 1992, for instance, the Republican National Convention (RNC) broke out in conflict over a "culture war" following a speech by former President George H.W. Bush's

challenger, Pat Buchanan. The speaker disputed many of the core principles of the Republican Party at the time, namely social moderation and supporting businesses. Although Buchanan lost the nomination that year, many of his ideas thrive in the mainstream Republican Party today.

Nor are Democrats an exception to substantial clanish drama. In the heat of last election's Democratic National Convention (DNC) in 2016, a sect of Bernie Sanders supporters expressed their divergent opinions about Hillary Clinton's nomination. Exposing the divide between delegates within the party, Sanders supporters could be heard chanting "Bernie, Bernie!" while harassing Clinton supporters. Not even a personal address from Sanders could calm them down that evening. This term, the party is emphasizing unity in the hopes of circumventing the broad dissent of past elections. Many expected a form of outburst this year once again from Sanders supporters, but the move to a remote convention prevented that chance.

The heart of any serviceable convention — the convention speech — is formally a scripted, predictable and inconsequential affair, but occasionally powerful metaphors and deliveries convey the importance of an election or point in history to the convention's viewers. Possibly the most influential of this century was former U.S. President Barack Obama's 2004 address to the Democratic National Convention, nominally in support

of Democratic nominee John Kerry. Obama took the stage as an unknown state senator from Illinois, delivering a powerful message that resonated with Americans so well that he became a political icon and household name; this speech gave him an edge in the subsequent 2008 presidential election when voters remembered the charming and energetic speaker as emblematic of the party's future. His most famous line from that speech, noting that "there is not a liberal America and a conservative America, there is the United States of America," maintains a palpable influence on modern American politics. Without the 2004 DNC — the ultimate defeat of Kerry notwithstanding — who knows if Obama would have had the platform to run on in 2008?

Losing conventions takes an opportunity away from parties to organize themselves in person as well as removing a key opportunity for some politicians to deliver a memorable speech to a mass audience. The positives of a convention that are listed above are not guaranteed — they are both rare occurrences. Additionally, the change to a virtual format has exposed the expendability of conventions beyond any other year. The adaptation saved conventions for one more election cycle, but with viewership dropping from 2016, it is not out of the question to terminate them forever. Conventions could become just another tradition lost to time. Should they be left to that fate? Or is their price worth it to help unify a party?

## Hurricane Laura wreaks havoc in the South

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Emerging as a Category 4 storm on Aug. 26 and making landfall in Louisiana early on Aug. 27, Hurricane Laura has left a path of destruction through the Deep South of the United States. The hurricane arrived on the mainland at 1 a.m. last Thursday, threatening an "unsurvivable" storm surge throughout Louisiana. At the beginning of last week, Laura was projected to be a Category 2 or 3 storm, but its strength rapidly intensified. Wind speeds rose by 65 miles per hour in 24 hours, bringing wind speed to a devastating 150 miles per hour. In its 12-hour assault, Laura destroyed homes, businesses and lives of the residents in Louisiana.

Hurricane Laura is making history as the 10th ever hurricane in the United States to have winds higher than 150 miles per hour and the fourth ever Category 4 storm to hit Louisiana in its history. Most storms weaken before hitting the land, but in recent years three storms have escalated to a higher category before landfall: hurricanes Harvey, Michael, and now Laura.

A storm surge is the swell of seawater caused by a storm.

Tropical storms and hurricane-force winds like this one will occur before the storm even hits land. On Thursday, the National Hurricane Center said, "all preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion in the next few hours." Starting as early as Wednesday evening, roads were beginning to flood in areas where flooding is not typical. Even Texas residents were to expect tornadoes and torrential downpours as the storm passed over.

Hurricane Laura left immense damage to Lake Charles, a city located in the southwest region of Louisiana. Evacuated residents are now returning home, worried there is not enough support from the federal and state governments to rebuild within a few months. Crews began to excavate fallen trees and have worked on rebuilding power lines, but almost a week later many houses damaged by the storm have still been untouched. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has sent hundreds of employees to the area in rescue efforts. As of Sunday, Aug. 30, more than 52,500 people had applied for FEMA assistance.

There is a great deal of worry in these residents as they face the aftermath of this hurricane amid a global pandemic.

Although death tolls were relatively low when compared to some other storms, Hurricane Laura left runs in the south. As of Aug. 31, over 285,000 residents in Louisiana and 65,000 residents in Texas are without electricity, and 120,000 of these citizens reside in the two counties surrounding Lake Charles. So far, there have been 18 deaths reported in Louisiana and Texas, half of which were caused by unsafe carbon monoxide inhalation produced by generators. The United States Department of Labor has announced actions to assist Americans in need and the American Red Cross continues to conduct disaster relief donations to support these people.

In 2005, another major hurricane created mass destruction in the south. Hurricane Katrina shook the entirety of America as federal officials did not do enough to help protect from the storm and rebuild in the aftermath. It took over 10 years for many American states to fully recover from this hurricane. Citizens experiencing this hurricane worry that the past will be repeated. It will take time to tell how federal officials respond. If all goes well, these states should be able to eventually rebuild and move forward with the help of federal and state governments.

## Why the mask Controversy?

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Since its introduction to the United States in late January, the COVID-19 pandemic has shuttered our country, decimated the economy, and resulted in nearly 200,000 deaths. And yet the most basic mode of protection against this disease — the face mask — has transformed from an anodyne prophylactic into a controversial political symbol.

The face mask traces back to ancient times in which they were created for rituals and ceremonies, but now masks are vital staples to the medical industry, as doctors and surgeons are seen wearing them regularly. Throughout history, masks have also had the intention of shielding the wearers from various hazards. Whether it retains this meaning in modern times is a different question. Some conservative voices, for instance, believe that wearing a mask deprives them of their liberties as a free citizen. Liberals, by contrast, by and large promote mask-wearing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As a refresher — several countries around the world have managed to get the COVID-19 crisis under control, and are now safe to engage in public gatherings and economic re-openings with little issue. Meanwhile, in the United States, misinfor-

mation and disregard for social distancing protocols has allowed the virus to spread nearly unchecked. A massive division in health safety protocols has only deepened the crisis, with the current administration partially to blame for their effective non-response. Instead of leading by example and setting effective health safety regulations, U.S. President Donald Trump and his team are speaking against the usage of masks while abstaining from masks themselves; these actions are seen as a signal to Americans that they, too, are exempt from mask-wearing. Based on research conducted by Pew Research Center, in late June 61% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents believe that the worst has already passed, while only 23% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents say that the worst is behind us in terms of coronavirus-related problems.

The major parties also hold different opinions regarding the increase in COVID-19 cases, nearly six million of which have been confirmed in the United States. New research by Pew Research Center shows that about 62% of Republicans believe that more people are being tested leading to an increase in positive cases, while 80% of Democrats stand by the idea that there are more infections than a test increase could effec-

tively explain. The key issue with such divisions is that they are not recognized by the virus, it has no political ideology, and does not respect the liberty of the American spirit. Thus it would be in the best interest of all to band together and wear a mask for the good of one's fellow citizens.

This theoretical view has significant statistical backing. For example, states that are not imposing mask regulations, such as Florida and Texas, have seen huge spikes in cases recently. New York state, originally a hot spot for the virus mere months ago, has been able to drastically lower positive cases after New Yorkers began to comply with mask-wearing.

Politics has supplanted science and research in the mask conversation, and we should all be wary of such a change in the dialogue. A portion of Americans believes that wearing a mask will make them less of a member of their group and more of a member of another group. In reality, of course, masks do not reflect membership in an ideological out-group but a commitment to keeping our society safe. This is a sacrifice that is not only desirable but necessary to slow the spread of a deadly disease, and it is the duty of the American citizen to subordinate their baseless fears about "liberty" for this undemiable good.

## Jacob Blake protests: We've been here before.

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On Aug. 23 in Kenosha, Wis., police officers were called to a domestic disturbance incident involving 29-year-old suspect Jacob Blake. A struggle between Blake and the police officers soon followed, ending with Blake being shot seven times in the back while entering his car — where three of his children waited inside. Currently, Blake is paralyzed from the waist down, with doctors unsure if the condition will remain permanent.

Context is critical in any situation, but particularly when someone's life is at risk. While it is true that Blake resisted the officers involved, ultimately their use of deadly force without hesitation is where opprobrium should be directed. Whether Blake possessed a knife in his vehicle or not — the matter remains disputed by the police department and Blake's attorney — is irrelevant. The assumption that there was one, as well as the conclusion by Officer Rusten Sheskey to retaliate by killing Blake, is the real issue. This sentiment is not lost by many in Kenosha; protests immediately following the shooting have raged for multiple days, forcing an overnight declaration of a state of emergency. These protests are not merely a response to the shooting of Blake, but a continued opposition to the many high-profile police shootings that have occurred in 2020

and the systems that continue to normalize such events.

Protests throughout the week were a mix of peaceful marches as well as riots, and property damage has reached over \$2 million dollars. Vocal opponents of the protests often serve to blur the line between peaceful marches and riots, staining the cause that lies at the heart of such movements. But the protests, peaceful or otherwise, have been met with both the National Guard (of which 1,000 were deployed on Aug. 28) as well as armed counter-protesters. Militia groups and — as the Kenosha County Sheriff described them — "vigilantes" gathered to protect businesses such as gas stations and dealerships.

17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse was one such armed counter-protester, who crossed state lines from Illinois. On Aug. 25 he shot three people that pursued him after seeing he was wielding a weapon. Despite the death of two of these victims, Rittenhouse was not immediately apprehended by police; it was only after he returned to his home state of Illinois the following day that Rittenhouse was formally arrested.

Even after the extent of Rittenhouse's attack was revealed, there remain staunch defenders of Rittenhouse, criticizing the protests while justifying his actions. Fox News host Tucker Carlson was one such defender, questioning "how shocked are we that 17-year-olds with rifles decided they had to maintain order when no one else would?"

Such a statement is not only callous and an insult to the people who lost their lives to Rittenhouse, but also a clear acknowledgment of Carlson's, and many others', mindsets — that vigilante murder is more defensible than protests against systemic injustice.

Even as tensions boiled over in Kenosha, Trump made a visit to the Wisconsin town (claiming to be inspecting the damaged property) over the objections of Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers. Before his arrival, Trump spoke at a Fox News interview comparing the shooting of Blake to a golfer "choking" in a tournament. He also defended Rittenhouse's actions as self-defense, claiming that he "probably would have been killed" if not for the shooting. These statements, along with others, continue an uncomfortable pattern of the President's justifying racist actions while vilifying those who have taken part in the protests across the country. It normalizes violence while ignoring the reforms that need to be made on an institutional level.

Despite his continued insistence on "LAW AND ORDER" on Twitter, Trump's perceived apathy for why the protests began, as well as his inability to condemn hateful groups and individuals, will continue to incite agitation and conflict in our country. The chaos that has unfolded from Kenosha is a symptom of Trump's America, despite the insistence by his supporters that it is the work of outside insurgents.



# MASK UP OR PACK UP

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As most are aware, the return to school looks a little different this fall semester.

After a summer filled with nationwide protests and various rights movements in the midst of a pandemic, students and faculty alike had to prepare for a change coming onto campus

this August. From mandated face coverings to social distancing and frequent testing to a virtual convocation and the cancellation of Division I Patriot League sports, there is

no doubt that this fall semester is unlike any other we have seen in history. Despite this, the campus is still alive, with many students finding a way to make the best of their time.

## LIFE BACK ON CAMPUS

From the Virtual Activities Fair held earlier this semester to the themed activity nights held in front of Uptown, there are plenty of ways to socialize and get involved at the University in a safe, responsible way during these uncertain times.

One way in which students are encouraged to be active in a safe way is through the group fitness programs and fitness center reservations at the Kenneth Langone Athletics & Recreation Center (KLARC). Through the University's App,

students can easily reserve a time in either the fitness center or in various group exercise classes — ranging from cycling to barre and yoga, in addition to others.

"I am very glad Bucknell has their recreational fitness facilities open," Tori Casquarrelli '24, a frequent attendee of the spin classes, said. "Although it has definitely been a struggle with the mask in terms of heavy breathing during cardio, in the end it is worth it."

Additionally, the themed

activity nights at Uptown have been a great way to meet new people in a fun, safe environment in which students converse in small, distanced groups. "The DIY night was very fun despite the fact that we had to social distance ourselves and wear masks," Georgia Corbett '24 said. "I enjoyed the activities and they were a great start to this semester."

Despite these successful adaptations of commonly-enjoyed activities at the University, some aspects of the

fall semester at the University could not be replicated in a safe way. One of these activities is fall sports. Following the Patriot League's decision to cancel its fall sports season, many eager athletes and fans were left disappointed. Matt Owusu '24, a member of the University's men's soccer team, explained his dismay. "[I'm] disappointed the season this year is not happening, but excited to use this time to meet people outside of soccer in the school," Owusu said.

## THE MOST EFFECTIVE MASKS

## STUDENT FAVORITES

Since the return of students to the University's campus, there has been much discourse over the most effective type of mask when it comes to both protecting yourself and others. According to an article published by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), research completed at Duke University sheds scientific light on this topic.

According to AARP's article, below is the ranking of common masks and facial coverings in terms of effectiveness. Listed as some of the

most effective types of masks and face coverings are:

- Three-layer surgical masks;
- Cotton polypropylene masks;
- Two-layer polypropylene masks; and
- Two-layer cotton masks, pleated style.

In contrast, some of the least effective shown in research studies include:

- Gaiter neck fleeces;
- Knitted masks; and
- Double-layer bandanas

Whether it be in a classroom, a dormitory hall, Bertrand Library, on the Malesardi Quadrangle or at the KLARC, the University's mandated mask policy makes wearing a mask inevitable. So, you may as well use this semester to find the most comfortable one for you.

"My favorite mask is a gaiter," Matt Raiff '24 said. "It's really easy to wear and you can easily pull it up and down."

Matt Tollin '24 referred to the University's cotton as his favorites. "I just like the design

of it and how comfortable it is," Tollin said.

On the other hand, Caroline Baranello '24 prefers surgical masks because she believes they "offer the most protection from the coronavirus."

Overall, the opinion on the most comfortable mask throughout campus is split. Regardless of which one you believe claims the title of "The Most Comfortable Mask," everyone should continue wearing one, and doing their part in stopping the spread of the virus as we continue our time on campus.



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MANUFACTURING A GREATER MISSION FROM 9/11

Photo from 2019, the Conservative Club is putting out a similar display this year in remembrance of 9/11.  
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## Safety on campus: What is being done?

Nicole Yeager  
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Last Saturday, Sept. 5, an attempted abduction of a female University student was reported. An email was sent out at 3:38 a.m. that day, approximately one hour after the incident was reported and 1.5 hours after the incident occurred, alerting the campus and giving notice of the reported details. At approximately 1 a.m., two male individuals in a dark-colored SUV, one of them described as a bald middle-aged man, approached a female student and attempted to place her in the vehicle.

The email was in compliance with the "Timely Notice" provision of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime

Statistics Act of 1998, which requires the Department of Public Safety to give notice of acts of violence that are reported on the University campus. The email also requested anyone who sees anyone matching the description, or anyone acting suspiciously, to contact Public Safety. The email reminded all students to avoid walking alone at night. It also shared that they were "actively investigating" the case.

Talk of this incident quickly spread across the student body by Saturday morning, and it has sparked a heightened sense of apprehension and alertness throughout the University community.

At 8:43 p.m. on Saturday evening, approximately 15 hours after the original email,

## Weis Center Sessions: Virtual events

Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

The Weis Center for the Performing Arts has upheld the passion for the arts that is present in all students and faculty for more than thirty years; they have brought world-class artists to the University as well as the local Lewisburg community. They effectively bring the arts to all community members by maintaining close connections with the other academic and social sectors on campus. Their goal is to inspire artists to achieve and share their best work, inspire audiences to recognize the power of art and its capacity to change lives, and inspire the larger community to become active participants through the deep integration of arts activities between our campus and region.

This semester, they have presented the University with a virtual program: Weis Center Sessions. Each Friday, an in-house recorded and produced performance from a campus artist is uploaded onto the center's blog along with a bio of the artist and their work. There have been 13 installments so far that feature a wide range of artistic talent: Chet la Se-bree, an assistant professor of English and the director of the Stadler Center for Poetry and Literary Arts, read-

ing a poem; Grace Kenny, a Lewisburg local, playing an original piece on the violin; Andrei Bucaloiu, '22, reading a poem; and a collaborative performance by Joe Scapellato, an assistant professor of English, and Dustyn Martineich, an associate professor of theatre and dance, to name a few.

"The idea for these sessions came from our terrific Technical Director Kalen Sowul who expressed an interest in exploring some of the Weis Center's technical and production capabilities during the pandemic. We did a few 'test runs' earlier this summer and it quickly became clear that there was not only significant interest from an audience perspective in terms of experiencing and appreciating these videos but also in terms of shining a light on the wealth of artistic talent within our greater Bucknell community." Executive Director of the Weis Center Kathryn Maguet said.

Assistant Professor of English Katie Hays is featured in the fourth installment of the Weis Center Sessions. "This program has given me a way to enjoy the work of many different writers, dancers and musicians at Bucknell during the pandemic. I appreciate especially how the Weis Center Sessions have begun reaching out to undergradu-

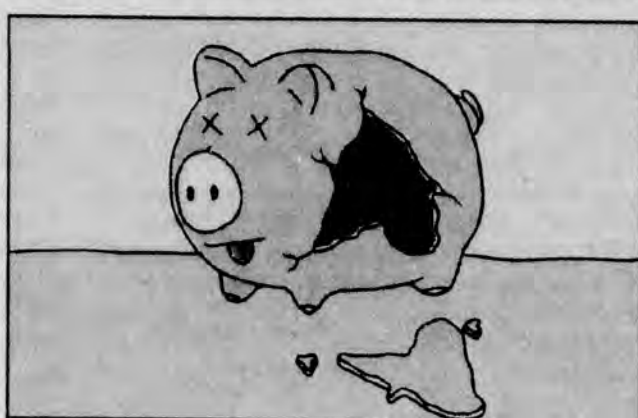
ates in the arts at Bucknell, giving them an opportunity to be professionally filmed and to share their work with a wider audience. Since the sessions are filmed and posted online, alumni around the world with access to the internet can access these performances – so in this way, the pandemic has led to a positive innovation on campus, and, I hope, is leading to new connections across places and time zones and graduating years," Hays said.

Director and Consultant at the Writing Center Deirdre O'Connor echoed this sentiment: "The Weis Center Sessions are a great way to highlight the work of community members and to showcase the arts during the pandemic. The bonus is that they make these sessions so easy to access – not only to folks who might not have attended events before, but also to people who live far away. It would of course be lovely to listen to a concert in person or go to a poetry reading in Bucknell Hall, but we're adapting to our moment, and one of the few good things to emerge from this moment is our widened access to the arts," O'Connor said.

According to Maguet, this series will be continued throughout the semester and beyond; she encourages

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

## THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL

CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

Briefs by Sarah Haber & Nicole Yeager  
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## INTERNATIONAL

A fire in a refugee camp on the island of Lesbos in Greece left thousands of people in need of emergency shelter. This fire came after a previous one in the Moria camp that was started after camp residents were angered by lockdown and isolation orders that were imposed after 35 people tested positive for the coronavirus. The first fire left nearly 3,500 of the 12,500 residents homeless, with the second blaze now adding to the overall total. The Moria camp was over capacity as well, bringing to light migrant issues in Europe that leave certain countries, like Greece, with a constant influx of refugees.

Since the massive explosion in Beirut, Lebanon an ongoing search to locate a missing person has ended after rescuers failed to find a survivor in the leftover debris from the blast. A Chilean search and rescue team led the mission to find the survivor and on Saturday, Sept. 5 announced that the search was 95% complete and that there were no signs of life from inside the building.

## DOMESTIC

Over 100 wildfires are burning across the U.S. West Coast due to high temperatures and strong winds. Oregon governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency after two small towns in the state were damaged from the fires. As the blaze moved northward, more and more towns were put under evacuation orders. Small towns in Oregon including Medford, Ashland, Talent and Mill City have all experienced significant damages from the wildfires.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Gen. Frank McKenzie, commander of U.S. Central Command in the Middle East, announced a drawdown of U.S. troops in Iraq from 5,200 to 3,000. The United States was under pressure to withdraw American troops from Iraq after the Trump administration's decision to kill Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani. In addition to withdrawing troops from Iraq, troops in Afghanistan and Germany are to also be withdrawn in the coming year.

## CAP Core hosts S'mores and More

Ellie Lowe  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 4, The University's Campus Activities and Programs Core (CAP Core) put on their annual S'mores and More event.

S'mores and More, which was held at Uptown, gave students the opportunity to go out with their friends, make s'mores, and watch a movie. S'mores and More was slightly different this time around due to COVID-19. All the s'mores ingredients and snacks were individually packed as to be in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines. Students were also given individual, disposable wooden skewers to roast their marshmallows with to limit contact.

"This was such a fun event last year, and with there being less going on around campus, CAP Core really wanted to provide a fun relaxing summer activity for everyone," event organizer Claire Martin '21 said.

The movie chosen this year was the action-comedy "Jumanji: The Next Level." The movie takes a modern approach to the classic movie Jumanji.

"I picked Jumanji: The Next Level because it brings back some of the childhood

nostalgia of the 1995 Jumanji movie, a movie we all watched as kids. Given that we are in the middle of a pandemic, I thought Bucknell students could use a feel-good adventure movie that would remind us of old times," Martin said.

The movie was projected in front of McDonnell Hall at the outdoor amphitheater on a big blow-up projector. There was also an artist who drew caricatures and lawn games set up throughout the area around Uptown.

Students enjoyed the night, even with the COVID-19 social distancing measures. "They're doing their hardest to make it feel as normal as possible and the s'mores are great," Maxine Mellin '24 said.

"I'm loving it. The s'mores were great. The movie was a fantastic choice. I'm enjoying my time," added Elliot Thorp '23 said.

S'mores and More was also a great way to kick off a holiday weekend, with Labor Day being the following Monday. CAP Core will be putting on Country Fair this Friday, Sept. 11. The event will include a petting zoo, a mechanical bull, goat yoga and pumpkin painting.

## CCA hosts first Virtual Career Fair

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Staff Writer

On Sept. 3 students were invited to participate in a first for the University: a virtual career fair. Each semester, the University's Center for Career Advancement (CCA) hosts a career fair in Gerhard Fieldhouse, but the fair had to move to online due to COVID-19 restrictions.

CCA Associate Director Alison Ordonez remarked on the differences in planning. "We initially planned for a traditional on-campus career fair in mid-September but when we learned that events needed to be virtual during the fall semester, we quickly pivoted to utilizing Handshake's virtual career fair platform," Ordonez said.

Handshake replaced the Bridge this year as the University's

new platform for alumni and interested companies to reach out to students and connect over possible careers or internships.

Ordonez also added that the fair's planning was made simpler by the shift to a virtual setting. "We no longer had to include all the logistical details such as the set-up of the fieldhouse, parking, and floor plan handouts that are needed for in-person fairs," Ordonez said.

The CCA invited a wide range of companies, including Nielsen, Teach for America and Oracle, which appealed to students of all majors and career paths. When reaching out to employers, Ordonez said she was looking for "employers who have attended past career fairs, organizations who interacted with Bucknell through job and internship postings on the previ-

ous Bridge system and new contacts on Handshake," Ordonez also encouraged parents and alumni of the University to register as employers.

"Even though it was online, it was great to be able to connect with companies and see other students in group sessions," Emily Taylor '21 said. "Having the option to go to one-on-ones and/or group sessions kept us able to connect with employers like in past career fairs," Caroline Van Dijk '21 said.

The one-on-one and group session options, new to this virtual fair, helped both students and employers. "Students no longer had to wait in line and wander around the fieldhouse like a traditional in-person career fair — they could set up their schedules to connect with employers they wanted to at

very specific times throughout the day, right from their computers," Ordonez said.

As for the future of virtual career fairs at the University, Ordonez had this to say: "We are definitely looking at scheduling several industry-focused virtual events/career fairs through the remainder of the semester. Be sure to complete your Handshake profile and look out for upcoming events. Career fairs are only one of many resources for job and internship searches, so I encourage students to make an appointment with the CCA to learn the best search strategies for their individual interests."

Students can find Handshake on their MyBucknell page, under the "Career Center" tab, and set up their profiles for future fairs and alumni relations.

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## SAFETY ON CAMPUS

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another email was sent out with updates on the previous information. It read: "After further investigation, the incident was determined to have occurred at approximately 1:11 a.m. near the intersection of South 6th and St. Catherine Streets in the Borough of Lewisburg. This location is off-campus and within the jurisdiction of the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department. Bucknell Public Safety is assisting the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department in attempting to identify the parties involved." Again, a phone number was listed to contact with any information or concerns.

Since Saturday, there have been various other stories, comments and pieces of information circulating among students. Some of these include shared accounts about various incidents that have occurred in Lewisburg and Selingsgrove, as well as information potentially related to nearby human trafficking. Additionally, a few on-campus students have reported suspicious activity around their dorms and buildings earlier in the week. Students and faculty have been actively seeking out information, communicating with each other and voicing their concerns, questions and suggestions to those in authority.

Chief of Public Safety Steve Barlar sent another email to all members of the campus community on Tuesday, Sept. 9. This email publicly announced that "Public Safety continues to work closely with the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department (BVRPD)." The email also shared the ways in which Public Safety is currently working to keep our community safe and secure, increas-

ing Public Safety presence on campus through patrolling, specifically around residence halls after dark, increasing camera locations around residence halls, conducting security surveys for on or off-campus student housing, which can be scheduled by calling Public Safety, and improving lighting on campus. Additionally, the email outlined ways in which students can help protect themselves and the larger community themselves: keep all doors and windows in your room, apartment or house locked, don't let others into your residence hall, report suspicious behavior, and take safety precautions when traveling at night by walking with others and staying on lit paths, taking note of the Blue Light Emergency Phones on campus and utilizing Public Safety's free safe escort service.

In light of these recent events, students and faculty alike have been sharing information and resources in order to keep fellow students and peers feeling safe on campus. Friends and roommates are ensuring they stay aware of each others' whereabouts and keeping tabs on each other. Teams, clubs and other organizations are reaching out to each other as additional emergency contacts. A few fraternities have stepped up to be available for their female peers as drivers or escorts, and all individuals are prioritizing their knowledge on how to stay alert and protect themselves.

Students also took to Instagram urging others to be cautious and sharing Public Safety's phone number. Page Stewart '21 authored one of the frequently shared Instagram stories, advising students to "not walk around by yourself after dark. Walk with keys out if you're near the street down-

hill" and to "make absolutely sure you can locate the closest blue light."

"As someone already cautious by nature, but also not particularly fearful, I've still taken significantly more steps than usual to ensure my safety and my friends' safety since learning about the abduction attempt and the trespassing into Vadder (never wearing headphones outside, double-checking our door and all our windows are locked at all times, no longer walking outside after dark)," said Stewart.

More importantly, these recent events have made the campus community more aware of societal dangers. "I think it's horrifying that we're being faced with the reality of this violence the way we are, but I also think it's really, really important. We, as Bucknell students, have been able to virtually ignore dangers because we believe we exist in a bubble, and that is simply not the case," said Stewart.

Students are nonetheless committed to creating a safer campus environment. As Emma Stone '22 aptly puts it, "we should all continue to strive for this safer environment going forward, by learning how to protect yourself and loved ones as well as learning how to foster a sense of safety within your own actions."

"As individuals, and as a community, I hope everyone understands that we have absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain by being more cautious, checking on our friends, sharing our locations with someone we trust, not letting strangers into our dorms, calling Public Safety to escort us home if we're out after dark, or taking any number of other precautions to ensure safety," added Stewart.

## Athletes and coaches adjust to a new normal

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In late July, the Patriot League was among one of the first conferences to place all sports on hold until at least January. As a result, a wide array of sports, from basketball and football to cross country and field hockey, were all placed in limbo.

In accordance with the NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport requirements and the Department of Athletics extensive reassociation plan, University athletics began the 7-10 day transition period prior to beginning any official team practice this week. Men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's swimming & diving and women's rowing have all hit their start dates, with other sports staggered throughout the month of September and early October.

Despite the progress, administrators remain cautious in their optimism. "These start dates do not mean 'business as usual' as far as team practices go," Associate Director of Communications for men's basketball, women's soccer, men's and women's golf and rowing Jon Terry said.

Terry stressed that practices are unrecognizable from years before: no more than 10 student-athletes can train together at once, athletes are required to take two days off of practice each week, captain's practices are not permitted, and fitness performance testing will not be conducted. The first week of practice is dedicated to the re-acclimation of athletes

through strength and conditioning training. Teams can progress their workouts with sport-specific practices in the following week. Athletes were encouraged to do workouts on their own or in a small group prior to starting practice.

The women's basketball team was on the brink of a league title, two wrestling student-athletes were headed to the NCAA Championships, and the spring sports were halted just as they were getting underway when sports were put on hiatus. Although students understand the necessity of the precautions, the loss of a season is still a huge disappointment. "It's hard to know that I am not going to be able to watch my teammates compete. The uncertainty surrounding when we are actually going to be competing again is also challenging," Daria Mislter '21, a member of the track and field team, said.

Other student-athletes struggled without a strict practice schedule. "For me, the biggest change coming back to school was adjusting to a looser practice schedule. It felt very different not having practice at the end of the day, followed by a cafeteria dinner with the team and mass-studying in the library," Jacqueline Rounsivill '23, a member of the swim and dive team, said.

The well-being of student-athletes is a top priority of coaches and administrators alike. "Our student-athletes are so passionate about excelling in their sports and their academic pursuits, and we need to support them as much as possible since a major part of their lives has been put on hold," Terry said.

Many teams stayed connected through various outreach, phone calls and Zoom meetings throughout the summer. "In some ways, we were in better contact with each other throughout the summer than perhaps we would have been under normal circumstances," Dan Schinnerer, head coach of the men's and women's swim and dive team, said.

Although practices are at a lower intensity, students and coaches have adapted to the changes quickly. For instance, NCAA requirements only allow for one swimmer in a pool lane at once. "Our team's practices are broken up into several smaller groups," Schinnerer said. "We are fortunate to have a great facility so that we can still handle more numbers than some of our peer schools."

"All team members are required to wear masks, social distance, and only allow one swimmer in each lane. It is different and we are all adjusting, but we are very fortunate to be back in the water practicing as a team," Mitch Gavars '21, a member on the swim and dive team, said.

The NCAA continues to closely monitor COVID-19 and is taking proactive measures to mitigate the impact of the virus. They have made it clear that as long as society is operating in a pandemic normal, sports cannot resume as normal. "That doesn't mean that it will be impossible to have some athletic competitions in the future, but health and safety measures will be in place to limit the spread of the virus to the fullest extent possible," Terry said.

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University students who are interested to contact her directly in order to schedule a recording appointment. "We're delighted with the variety of performances — everything from classical piano, Balinese dance, mallets to creative writing, and while we miss presenting live performances, the

Weis Center staff is happy to be actively serving our community in other ways that fit the current times," she said. "The Weis Center for the Performing Arts is an extraordinary arts hub. It brings together so many communities — campus, town, region. We're so lucky to have this gem right here on campus. I

look forward to the day when I can once again buy a ticket for an amazing act, take a seat in the audience, and have my mind blown by art," Joe Scapellato said.

Check out the Weis Center for the Performing Arts Blog to view the current installments of the Weis Center Sessions.



## The liquor store chronicles



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

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As students, professors and Lewisburg residents head into the fourth week of classes, business is booming at the local liquor stores.

Due to the much dreaded and much-sooner-than-anticipated midterm season — and autumn, too — creeping around the corner, it's safe to say people are drowning in work and also in alcohol.

Because of COVID-19 (I promise I'm trying not to write about it too much), everyone seems to be SOL on activities and other occupations because of the social distancing rules that need to be enforced and strictly adhered to (as they should be).

This has resulted in much higher-than-average revenues at the local liquor stores because of the number of students drinking to forget how stressful this semester is, the number of faculty members drinking to avoid grading homework, and also the number of first-years drinking themselves into an ambulance. That is a lot of alcohol and a lot of money.

Liquor store owners and employees provided some information to give our readers a sense of the severity of the situation regarding restocking and other important things.

"Unfortunately, I am not sure we will be able to sell any more White Claws for at least another couple of weeks," said Jack Beers,

owner of "Beer Bros." "Somehow, all in one go, these huge biker guys came in and cleared us out, leather jackets and the whole shebang. It was literally the strangest thing I have ever seen. I think this pandemic is making everyone lose their minds," said Beers.

"I know exactly who is responsible for all of the empty Natural Light displays. I know exactly why all of the kegs are gone and why we cannot seem to reorder Coors Banquet and Bud Light," Bud Sheltzer, owner of "Alcohol You Later," said. "I'm picturing it and it's the only thing getting me through these first few weeks of school: all of the frat guys sitting socially distanced from each other, sharing beers and hanging out, but not a single girl in sight."

"I hate to break it to you all, but it appears that all of our flavored Svedka has been secured by customers," Sam Shirnoff, employee and assistant regional manager of "Office Supplies," a chain liquor store, said. "Lots of girls, lots of fake IDs. Not that I'd know, but that's what I've heard. We actually had to fire a kid recently because he kept selling to his friends. Corona is driving everyone up the wall. Speaking of, we're out of Corona as well."

Drink responsibly and safely. Unless you're over 21, because then I can't tell you what to do.

## University students find new locations to spread covid

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Satire Co-Editor

In a perfect world (where global pandemics inexplicably still exist), students would refrain from gathering in groups across campus to cope with their social deprivation. The University campus is not such a world. Given that, here are four of the best places on campus to party this semester.

**Vedder Volleyball Court.** Since Vedder Hall already has all of the attention surrounding it every year, the Vedder volleyball court might as well be utilized. It's not like Public Safety can become more suspicious. Bonus points if you put a paper umbrella in your drink and pretend you're at the beach.

**Quad.** Shockingly, every single first-year seems to be on the quad every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night with lidded cups in hand. It's doubtful that it has any connection to the lack of parties whatsoever, but the groups of people is the perfect place to meet people. Plus being outside cancels

out COVID-19, right?

**Terrace Room.** In order to earn a livable wage, the cafeteria workers have renovated the Terrace Room into a lavish club after dining hours. The penthouse vibes combined with the open floor plan gives visitors an experience that could be accomplished by no frat. Just another reason food service workers at the University deserve a pay raise.

**Bucknell Farm.** Nothing screams central PA like drinking cheap beer in a farm setting, so this is the perfect way to feel connected with the surrounding area. Unfortunately, there are no cows for tipping purposes.

**Smith Parking Lot.** With Flyson reopening, it's best to be the first one there. Be like Earl Eager '24, who took his University pop-up chair to the Moore Avenue parking lot, patiently wait for the long-awaited return. Some say he's been there ever since.

Wherever you go, make sure you use the buddy system and make sure you keep your group below, like, 35 people. That seems to be the standard set by groups of people congregating every weekend.

## The fourth week is ending. Where are we with social distancing?

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At the end of this fourth week, it is clear that some things have been solidified within the University's student body. Social distancing is at an all-time high. I saw this wondrous phenomenon for myself when I visited the Malesardi Quadrangle Friday night. As soon as the students saw me, they immediately began socially distancing. I even attempted to go up to a group of my peers, who immediately socially-distanced to the opposite side of the quadrangle.

Social distancing has also impacted teaching and classes. Rather than teaching indoors with these new standards of social distancing, more professors have turned to Zoom for their answers. In

fact, classes via Zoom are a common occurrence already, with students sometimes having their entire school day online. They rarely talk or connect with classmates in-person (as that would violate social distance guidelines), but they do learn how to "focus" on the teacher while memorizing the answers to the latest leaked quiz. Since so much time is dedicated to Zoom-based classes and online homework, the "Freshman 15" is taking full effect. Kids get their meals, sit down at their desks and eat during class time. Of course, the note-taking process is arduous and, as a result, the meals get cold by the time they're finished.

Between the note-taking and the eating, the students rarely get exercise. I should know — I've gained 30

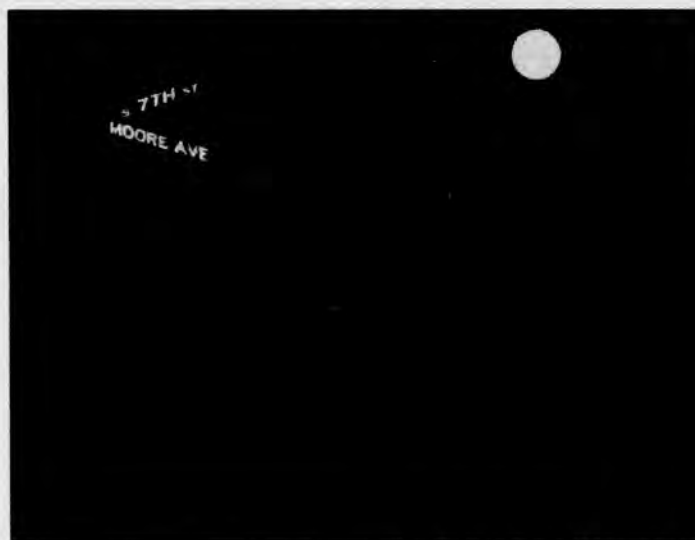
pounds since the first week of school (the whole freshman 15 myth is a bare-faced lie — clearly another example of fake news). Aside from the classes, homework and food, there's nothing else to do but sleep. Occasionally, I see people running around outside, but they're just being chased by campus security for not social distancing. As long as said security allows for those students to get a six-foot head start, I'm perfectly satisfied.

Events on campus appear to be affected by this social distancing issue as well. Oftentimes, people were so distant at the Uptown events I hardly saw anybody attend apart from those who lived nearby. I thought some of the events appeared completely deserted before I saw an Uptown employee pull out a tape measure and scale

the distance between people talking with each other. Whenever it wasn't up to par, the offenders had to be physically removed from the area, as to not disturb others. One time I got too close to the guy making caricatures, and the next thing I knew I was tossed onto the Malesardi Quadrangle, the closest place that people were allowed to congregate. I mean, that was before I got too close to one of the people watching the weekend film — then I got dropped in the middle of Market Street. Next thing I knew, a car got too close to me and security towed it to Danville, Pa.

Plenty has changed during these first few weeks of college, and I am sure plenty more will change as a strict contrast to college life. Remember never get too close to people.

## Flying Bison drives students into motion



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

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After much deliberation and wasted liquid cheese, the Flying Bison will begin serving late-night snacks to any first-year with a pulse.

Because of University social distancing guidelines, the Flyson is only allowing a small number of students in the parking lot at a time. Now that students are socially and nutritionally deprived, many are planning on becoming creative with their tactics to ensure they get overpriced food

that is actually edible.

Earl Eager '24 is among the first to secure his spot in the Flyson line for the upcoming weekend. Eager has already pitched a tent next to the Smith Hall parking lot and is patiently awaiting the arrival of the University-sponsored food truck. He is loaded with all the weekend essentials including a case of warm Natural Light, \$500 in campus dollars and, of course, a University pop-up chair.

While Eager is already salivating over the thought of lukewarm tater tots, other students are following suit

for personal gain. Sam Shady '24 explained that they will be buying out Flyson's inventory and increasing the prices for his peers in order to secure a spot in the price gouging market. "It doesn't seem fair that the University has a monopoly on upcharging students," Shady said. "If it has to happen, I want to be in on it."

Other students expressed confusion about the excitement surrounding the comeback of the Flyson. Clara Clueless '23 explains to reporters that she remembers the food from the Flyson as being significantly better last year.

When asked to detail the differences in the food quality, Clueless explained that "there was just something about coming home after being on St. Catherine's and grabbing some late-night Flyson. I don't know what it could be, but that just seems to have made it so much better."

Whether you are planning on attending the Flyson this weekend, whether it be for personal indulgence, capitalistic schemes or pure nostalgia, make sure to get it removed again by Monday through lack of social distancing like before.

## Kyle's Korner



COMIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST



# Confounding Problems Grants

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There are many complex problems that warrant attention and research across all disciplines. These problems include issues regarding race, gender, sexuality, gentrification

and environmental change.

In order to promote student exploration into relevant topics that may not have easy answers, the University has created several undergraduate research opportunities, which target a variety of interests. Some existing grants for

undergraduate research on-campus include: the Bucknell Arts Council (BAC) Arts & Creativity grants, the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) Summer Research Student Fellowship, the Clare Boothe Luce Research Scholars program, departmental

research programs and the Brawley Fund, to name a few.

In addition to these research opportunities for undergraduate students, the University also makes available the Mellon Confounding Problems Undergraduate Research Grants.

## What is a Confounding Problems Grant? Confounding Problems Grants for University Members

Each research opportunity allows students to generally explore a topic of their interest, which pertains to the design of the grant. Confounding Problems Grants encourage students to examine large-scale problems that can be solved using philosophies and technologies of multiple disciplines, such as environmental change, health and well-being and diversity on campus. These issues do not have simple solutions and are often the result of

many smaller problems.

The University, in conjunction with The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is offering several grants to faculty, staff and students to develop new curricula in these areas. All students and faculty in good standing with humanities and arts are eligible to apply for receiving these grants. Each student applicant must have a sponsoring faculty member whose primary field is in the arts or humanities.

This year, several Confounding Problems Grants are being offered to faculty and undergraduate students alike. The grants range from funding individual research projects to positions as a research assistant (RA). A complete list of the guidelines, requirements and deadlines for each grant can be found under the Mellon Confounding Problems Grant section on the University's website under undergraduate research opportunities. Below are a few brief descriptions of the Confounding Problems Grants offerings for this academic year.

**Faculty Research Fellow** - Course release or one-month summer salary with \$5,000 in research expenses

**Curricular Teach-Ins Grant** - Summer Curriculum Development Grants (for Summer 2021) - \$6,000 summer stipend and \$4,000 in research expenses

**Workshops for faculty, staff, and students to ex-**

plore confounding problems - Funding flexible according to proposal

**Scholarly Dissemination Projects** - \$2,500 for disseminating their scholarship to a wider public in ways beyond the conventional outlets for their discipline

**Student Research Grant** - \$2,500 supports student research, remote as required

**Student Conference Travel Grant** - \$2,000 student travel\* expenses to present (\* please note: as no university travel is permitted at this time, participation in virtual conferences and workshops are encouraged, and prior approval is required). Funds for accompanying faculty available\* (\*in a virtual setting and prior approval is required)

**Student Undergraduate Research Assistant (RA)** - Hourly wage paid to RA for 10 hours/week during academic & 37.5 hours during summer

## Possibilities

The application for these generous CP Grants allots both students and faculty the opportunity to spend time and resources researching prevalent problems important both locally and globally. The

completed research conducted with the assistance of these grants can be presented at symposium, having the possibility to actualize change and further the awareness of these important issues.

## Application Requirements

The generous nature of these grants makes the application process competitive. In summary, students and faculty interested in applying for one or more of the several opportunities listed above are expected to complete and submit all of the

following: a completed cover sheet available on the CP Grants section of the University's website, a proposal of the expected research and confounding question being addressed, a comprehensive description of the intended research plan, an outline

of the assumed work plan and a budget for the project.

For faculty interested in applying for a grant, a description of your current curriculum as well as a letter of endorsement from the chair of your department is required as well

Both Claire Campbell, faculty ambassador for the Mellon Confounding Problems Grant, and Kathi Venios, administrative assistant for the Mellon Confounding Problems Grant, are available to contact regarding further concerns.



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## In memory of Chadwick Boseman



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On Aug. 28, actor Chadwick Boseman passed away in his home, surrounded by his wife and family. He was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2016 and suffered silently as it progressed to stage four. Boseman was and will continue to be an inspiration to many; in his career, he played Black icons such as baseball player Jackie Robinson, Supreme Court justice Thurgood Marshall and singer James Brown. Refusing to give up, he was able to make seven movies after his diagnosis. He worked through several surgeries and chemotherapy sessions, determined not to let cancer stop him.

Boseman was born in South Carolina and graduated from Howard University. He had modest roles in television before earning his debut to stardom with his depiction of Jackie Robinson in the 2013 hit "42." This movie was important for Boseman, not only due to its popularity, but the influence that Jackie Robinson has for Black Americans facing adversity in the

world today. One of Boseman's most important roles in bringing more awareness to the adversity faced by Black Americans was his portrayal of T'Challa in the 2018 Marvel blockbuster "Black Panther." While Boseman was unsure if the world was ready for a Black Panther, the movie saw major success in the box office, accumulating \$1.3 billion. It also became the only Marvel film to be nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards. A highly anticipated sequel was announced by Marvel Studios shortly after the first's success. The movie's initial debut was set for May 6, 2022, but following Boseman's death, Marvel will need to decide how they should honor his legacy.

Along with being an influential figure for Black Americans, Boseman motivated young children suffering from cancer and other illnesses. Following his tragic death, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital shared posts about Boseman on their social media, emphasizing how he inspired and encouraged patients to remain hopeful in the face of disease. Although he was ill,

he frequently visited the hospital to meet sick children, even helping a young girl celebrate her birthday in her hospital bed. His generosity brought so much happiness to the lives of children who were ultimately facing the same obstacles he was.

Kenyan-Mexican actress and author Lupita Nyong'o found it difficult to write words for her friend and colleague. She wrote a beautiful piece, posted on social media, "When I was around Chadwick, I wanted to be better, less petty, more purposeful. He was fueled by love, not fear." He leaves friends, family, colleagues and his wife, Simone, with a great loss.

The untimely death of Boseman was a great loss to Hollywood and the world itself. He was an inspiration to countless young Americans. His work with children and African-Americans facing adversity proves that he not only has an amazing skill in bringing characters to life, but his character remains a generous one. He leaves behind a legacy of passion and dedication. His memory will continue to grow and inspire all who come after him.

## The United States and the WHO

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Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organization (WHO) has made a concerted effort to consistently provide the public with the most up-to-date information concerning the novel coronavirus, as well as how best to treat it. In June, the WHO found that the implementation of corticosteroids reduced the mortality rates among critically ill patients by about one third, although this treatment was not recommended for those with mild disease.

More recently, studies confirmed that younger asymptomatic individuals are vessels for the continual spreading of the coronavirus.

While the exact degree to which the spreading occurs is not yet known, it is another valuable piece of information to help better understand the risks associated with the virus. Such revelations are crucial if we ever wish for the pandemic to subside. Yet in the United States, it is clear that there is an apprehension towards the organization and their handling of the pandemic due to the relationship that the WHO maintains with China.

U.S. President Donald Trump, following his decision to withdraw the United States from the WHO, stated that such an alliance was a chief reason for the organization's early response to the pandemic. He argued that not enough information was demanded from China by the WHO, leading to outbreaks in other nations. He also believed that the WHO under-sold the severity of the virus when it was concentrated in China. This serves as a twist of irony, given that Trump spent much of the early months of the pandemic stating that COVID-19 would not greatly affect his country.

Of course, just as Trump does not wish to face any blame or repercussions for the current state of the United States, not all of the fault can be laid at the feet of the organization. The WHO can not demand such information from the nation's leaders, despite what the president may believe. In regards to Trump's accusations, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom stated that there is no favoritism towards China. Concerning the withdrawal, he felt that "It's the relationship with the U.S. that's more important and its leadership abroad," and not merely the funding which is so valuable in a partnership with the country.

By losing such a figure of leadership in the United States, the WHO would be limited in the coordination it can conduct internationally. The United States is a leader of research, no longer being a part of the organization would mean that the statistics and data it collects will be unavailable for the WHO and the rest of the world's nations. That makes it a significantly greater challenge in handling situations like the very pandemic we are currently in.

But the funding can not be ignored either. In 2018 and 2019, the United States donated far more than any other organization or country, with over \$850 million, around 15% of the WHO's total budget, being provided by the country. But with Trump's withdrawal, the \$62 million intended for further funding will instead be reallocated to other local groups. By losing such a major relationship the WHO will find itself without the support of a major nation as well as the funding it provides.

There are clear economic ramifications to the loss of such a major source of funding for the WHO. The ability

in which the organization can rapidly conduct thorough research will be hampered, and their response, which Trump criticized, can become more delayed. But the WHO can not merely focus on one issue, as it has various public services concerning other viruses and diseases such as tuberculosis. With the funding of the WHO so drastically reduced, the resources that can be provided for those public services will decrease as well.

There are numerous reasons for America to continue its relationship with the WHO. The fact that we are currently in a global pandemic, where nearly 200,000 American lives have been lost, should be one of the most glaring reasons to do so. On Sept. 1, the United States announced that it would not join in a global effort to develop a vaccine, in part because the effort is being led by the WHO. "The United States will continue to engage our international partners to ensure we defeat this virus, but we will not be constrained by multilateral organizations influenced by the corrupt World Health Organization and China," White House spokesman Judd Deere said.

Of course, it would be easy to say that the United States has more than enough resources to support their clinical trials and development. But as Dr. Tedros said, "For the world to recover faster, it has to recover together, because it's a globalized world; the economies are intertwined." Trump might believe that the WHO has a bias towards China with such fervor that he withdrew from the organization, but in doing so affects his own country as well as the rest of the world. The efforts to develop a vaccine and finally put the pandemic behind us can and should not be done alone, despite Trump's insistence on doing so.

## Anita Hill and Biden: White liberals selectively listen to Black women

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On Oct. 11, 1991, Anita Hill testified that Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her while she worked under his management at the U.S. Department of Education. Appointed by former U.S. President George H. W. Bush, Thomas took his seat on the Supreme Court on Oct. 23 of the same year. Hill's testimony was televised and aired across the nation with then-Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Joe Biden at the helm of the proceedings. Biden's dismissive handling of Hill's testimony, as well as the aggressive treatment Hill experienced at the hands of the entire Committee, have long been weaknesses of Biden's congressional record.

In a Sept. 5 CNN interview, Hill endorsed Joe

Biden's 2020 candidacy for President of the United States. Immediately after, many liberals began circulating the news far and wide, exclaiming such sentiments as "This is healing," and "If she can do it, why can't you?" Hill's support of Biden is certainly a substantial endorsement for the Biden campaign and her voice should unquestionably be heard by all American voters. The issue with this news cycle is not Hill's statement, but rather a trend among white liberals who dismiss the accounts, opinions and expertise of Black women, except for in very specific instances where listening to Black women coincides with a mainstream white liberal agenda. In other words, if white liberals decide to capitalize on Hill's recent statement, they should be more than willing to prioritize the perspectives of Black women in all sectors of civil life.

Am I overreacting? Has

this sort of thing even happened before? Look no further than Jul. 13 when Angela Davis announced her endorsement of Biden and social media exploded with captions along the lines of: "Davis is voting for Biden, what do you know that she doesn't?" Davis, a pioneering force within critical Black scholarship and prison abolition, has been all but ignored by the white liberal mainstream until she provided a concise, "agreeable" sound bite for them to use. This same sentiment can be found underneath the fervor we are seeing around Hill's endorsement of Biden; white liberals have made it clear that they are uninterested in the perspectives of Black women until they can take advantage of them. The embrace of Hill's endorsement of Biden — and only that — reduces her to a pawn in the political game and dismisses

her years of advocacy around gender issues. The exclusive focus on Davis's endorsement of Biden reduces her decades of radical scholarship and activism to a mere stamp of approval.

The goal here is not to dissuade voters from voting for Biden. Biden is the least important part of this article. The focus here should be on Hill's personhood and professional work beyond this endorsement. Hill and Davis are merely two examples of the persistent trend of selectively hearing and amplifying Black women when politically convenient, and countless other Black women more Black women are sidelined every day by the status quo of the current system. White liberals must embrace the opinions of Black women past the "agreeable" one-liners that they may provide.

Black women have been the pioneers of just about every

social movement this country has seen, are the Democratic Party's most consistent voter base and have constantly contributed timely, critical scholarship to the public that has been far too often cast to the side by violently, willfully ignorant white liberals.

Hill is a Black woman who stood up and spoke her truth to the system and the system failed her. The system did not listen. The very fact that she is now in a position where she is driven to voting for Biden is one more example of a system that continues to fail her and countless other Black women who have spoken louder and louder but whose voices have never been truly respected by the white liberal system.

Anita Hill is daring, compassionate, motivated and unwavering in her work as a lawyer and current professor at Brandeis University. She

coupled her endorsement with an open extension of the partnership, declaring her willingness to work with Biden on gender issues at the national scale. She is more than an endorsement — she is a Black woman with an individual political perspective, personal values and professional goals.

White liberal support of Black women has been shown time and time again to be conditional and selective. Black women deserve the platforms to express their perspectives, especially critical perspectives that complicate the foundations of white liberalism. Furthermore, Black women are not a monolithic group full of singular ideas and should not be treated as such. The mainstream political discourse in this country is long overdue for the complex, varied, differing and challenging opinions of Black women, women whose self-advocacy has largely been met by white liberal silence.



## EDITORIAL: STOP MANUFACTURING A GREATER MISSION FROM 9/11

Sept. 11 marks the 19-year anniversary of the al-Qaeda-led terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, resulting in the deaths of nearly 3,000 Americans. Almost two decades after the devastation, the day remains fresh in our collective consciousness.

The tragedy of the 9/11 attacks transcended cultural and geographic boundaries and political divides in a way that almost nothing else could. The attacks unhinged the lives of the fathers, mothers, husbands, wives and children of the thousands of victims. We all came of age in a world still wrestling with the consequences of the day; we may not remember the events ourselves, but the memories and high emotions have been distilled through adults around us. Our lives have been shaped by the decisions made

in the immediate wake of 9/11, even as Americans moved further away from the fear and patriotism that influenced our entrance into conflict.

Every year when this date comes around, Americans of all walks of life take a moment to remember those lost, to think about their families and friends and to ruminate on the enormous challenges the American citizenry has overcome. Memorials, tributes and yearly observances help successive generations make sense of these horrific attacks, and serve as an important tool in educating and working through the collective trauma of such an event.

Unfortunately, the way that the attacks of Sept. 11 are remembered in this country frequently does a great disservice to those who lost their lives 19 years ago and is hijacked to serve

blatantly partisan, racist and narrowly ideological purposes. Just as they were in the immediate aftermath of the attacks, the victims of this unspeakable atrocity are repeatedly — and quite shamefully — deployed in order to shore up support for nation-building efforts in foreign countries, vast curtailments of civil liberties and aggressive racial and ethnic profiling campaigns. Meanwhile, yearly commemorations of the tragedy largely ignore, if not overtly legitimate, these profound historical and political implications, preferring to present the repugnance of the attack itself as the sole dimension worth reflecting on.

There are, of course, understandable reasons for this. For one, it is politically useful for the U.S. government to present the attack as having been the unavoidable result of

living in a free country — and in the process absolve U.S. intelligence and bureaucracy of culpability for the thousands of civilian lives lost to an extremist terrorist group. It is also advantageous that our (by and large) cursory understanding of the event, often summarized as an assault on our way of life by the Middle East, is constructed in a way that sufficiently justifies sustained, ruinous military campaigns in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. In this process, we are often not careful enough to discriminate between the reactionary extremists of al-Qaeda and those peaceful civilians who make up the vast majority of the Muslim community. It is a considerable disfavor to those who died that we should dilute their memory into fodder for the propagation of such exonerating, imperialist and

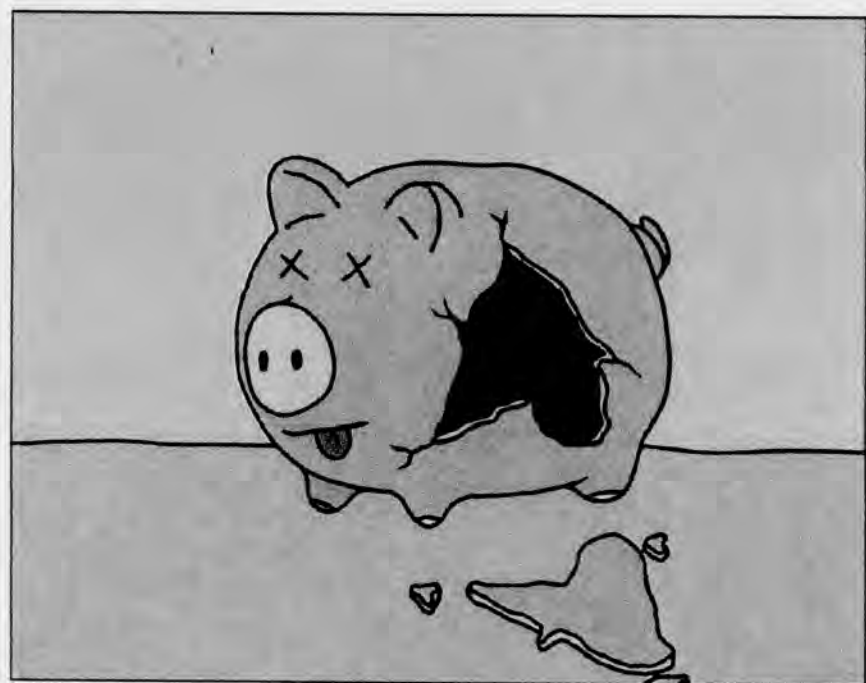
racist views as so often attend remembrances of the event.

This attack should be understood as a horrific tragedy committed by a group of violent extremists, and that should be the end of our speculation and politicization. To suggest that such an event tacitly authorized a multi-decade occupation of the Middle East, or xenophobia against Muslims or, worse, that the victims would have actively desired such “revenge” is to engage in the ultimate disrespect for the dead. In speaking of justification in events like this, we regrettably interpret our national history as some kind of supremacist “clash of civilizations,” a mindset left in the Middle Ages for good reason. Now that we are in the shadow of this horrible event, it is imperative that we under-

stand how it has been taken advantage of and pledge that respect for the dead will not be subjugated to base jingoism or bloodthirst for innocent Middle Easterners.

Our hope for the University, and for future generations of Americans, is to not allow the sheer wickedness of this crime to eclipse these indispensable political, social and economic implications imperative to understanding the attacks, and to allow ourselves the breadth of focus that the entirety of this disaster deserves. What is needed is a greater understanding of the socio-historical significance of this tragic event, less ideological manipulation and more empathy for those who died — unable to speak for themselves, we must not take it upon ourselves to speak in their stead.

## The United States national debt: Continuously growing



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

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The day that numerous economists have warned against has officially come to fruition: the U.S. national debt has now rivaled the size of the country's economy. The year 2020 has brought the country's most substantial budget deficit, as a share of the economy, since 1945. The last time the U.S. was in a similar situation was during the end of World War II when the country strained itself to combat Nazi Germany. This reality proves that it is finally time for elected officials to put their differences aside and formulate a plan to reduce its spending and begin reconciling the debt.

To explain the situation simply, the country would need to spend approximately its entire yearly GDP to satisfy the debt that it finds itself in. Economists estimated that the public held roughly 80% of the \$17 trillion federal debt in 2019, and the government predicted that it would grow to roughly 100% within 10 years. To combat the coronavirus recession, however, the United States has spent trillions of dollars leading the debt to sit roughly at 106% of the country's GDP, rapidly accelerating the government predictions. Many economists were concerned that a debt of this size would cause creditors to insist on higher interest rates from the U.S. government to en-

sure more cash flow, which would force a massive inflation surge. But the economy has managed to keep interest rates at a near all-time low and inflation muted as it slowly recovers from the pandemic's recession.

Economists' fears dwindled as the United States neared this status, with very few being stressed about these numbers currently. Some attribute the ability to avoid the inflation and interest rate spikes to the role that the Federal Reserve (Fed) played. The Fed has provided the liquidity to the economy to shield any foreseeable consequences while still accumulating national debt by purchasing trillions of dollars worth of Treasury securities. Many critics who follow Modern Monetary Theory do not even believe that the size of a country's debt is the main contributor to constraints on budgets. To them, the entire concept in itself is simply inaccurate. Beyond any debate of how badly our debt will affect the economy, it is of no contention that the deficit will need to be paid off eventually.

One attempt to resolve the country's spending took form in 2010's Simpson-Bowles deficit reduction plan. It was a bipartisan strategy consisting of six steps to reduce the U.S. debt quickly and efficiently. Predictions show that it would have lowered the deficit by \$3.8 trillion by 2020. The debt-to-GDP ratio would have dropped to 60% by 2023

and even further to 40% by 2035. Some highlights of the reforms would have cut military spending, reduced healthcare spending, made social security sustainable and ended \$1.1 trillion in tax loopholes. The plan was shot down in the committee election because each member was fearful of the damage it could cause to their reelection campaigns. The fault lies on both parties. There are no current bipartisan plans to combat the ever-growing national deficit.

Debts the size that the United States is facing will contribute to the lowering of national savings, leading to dwindling private-sector investments. Fewer investments lead to a reduction in the standard of living through the slow decay of wage growth and development. Although many Republicans have taken up arms against adding to the debt, citing it as evidence to not add to the burden through the next coronavirus bill, there is no major plan coming from either party to fight the expanding debt, outside of cutting spending on what the other party is hoping to focus on. This bipartisan failure needs to be held against both sides of the aisle. President Obama nearly doubled the debt while in office, and U.S. President Donald Trump, despite his 2016 campaign promises, has enacted no pressure to limit government spending. It is time for officials to step up by formulating a nationwide plan to oppose this issue.

## Joe Kennedy loses Massachusetts primary

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On Tuesday, Sept. 1, it was announced that the incumbent Massachusetts U.S. Senator Edward Markey defeated U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III in the Democratic Primary. The outcome of the primary surprised many, who were used to seeing members of the Kennedy family win a Massachusetts election. The Kennedy family has been a presence in politics and the Democratic Party for years, and the results of this primary mark the very first time that a member of the Kennedy family has lost a race for Congress in the primarily Democratic state of Massachusetts.

Although Kennedy relied heavily on the status and history of his family to appeal to voters, Markey ultimately won them over with his support of liberal ideals that he promised to

endorse through legislation. He also earned the support of New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez on the Green New Deal, as well as fellow Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren. According to many, these endorsements assisted Markey with fundraising campaigns and portraying himself as a true progressive, ultimately pushing him over the edge with voters.

Still, this loss has been surprising to many people, especially those who identify as loyal Democrats. It was presumed that Kennedy, 39, would be a candidate who possessed more progressive and current values than Markey, 74. Contrary to popular belief, however, Markey did not run on any establishment views. By aligning himself with liberal ideals, he was successfully able to appeal to voters, especially those who appreciated his humble background as a son of a working-class citizen.

In his acceptance speech, Markey said, “Tonight is more than just a celebration of a movement, it is a reaffirmation of the need to have a progressive movement of young people demanding radical change.” The outcome of the election, however, did worry some Democrats who think more time should be focused on collecting money to defeat U.S. President Donald Trump in the upcoming November election.

Kennedy's loss symbolizes a potential gateway and opportunity for future candidates who are not already linked to politics. For many, Markey's win represents working-class citizens being able to have a seat at the political table instead of positions just being passed down to family members due to their reputation and lineage. It is also highlighting the success of more progressive agendas in the Democratic Party.

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

### The USPS can ensure a free and fair election

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For months, one of the most dominant stories in the news regarding the 2020 U.S. Presidential election has not been campaign events, party conventions or even the candidates themselves. Instead, one huge question has loomed in the distance: How does the United States handle voting in a socially-distant world? As it stands, around 150 million Americans are registered to vote, and in 2016, nearly 33 million Americans voted by mail, according to the Brookings Institution. Long poll lines and COVID-19 exposure are widespread, and legitimate fears going into November for many voters, so it is likely that more will opt for the mail-in option this year. Recently, U.S. President Donald Trump voiced concerns over the ability of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to carry out a large-scale mail-in voting process. In an August Fox News interview, the president was quoted in response to Congressional Democrats' attempt to increase funding for the Post Office as saying, “They want three and a half billion dollars for something that’ll turn out to be fraudulent, that’s election money basically. They want three and a half billion dollars for the mail-in votes. Universal mail-in ballots. They want \$25 billion, billion, for the

Post Office. Now they need that money in order to make the Post Office work so it can take all of these millions and millions of ballots.” Despite the misinformation that has been cast by the President against the USPS, the likelihood of voter fraud by mail is exceptionally low. Moreover, the issue of getting ballots to states from voters is not an issue of capacity for the Postal Service, but rather management.

The probability of voter fraud by mail is significantly low. In order to obtain a ballot, you must be a registered voter, and for most states you must receive the ballot at the address you are registered. Furthermore, signatures are required on the ballot envelope by the voter, and the forging of any kind of voter information (impersonating a voter, forging a name, etc.) is a criminal offense. In many states, such as Colorado, voting by mail is a widespread practice with no evidence of voter fraud, according to the Brennan Center for Justice.

As for the second issue of capacity, the Postal Service can more than handle extra absentee ballots, even if all 150 million registered Americans voted by mail in 2020. According to the Atlantic, the USPS delivers around 500 million pieces of mail every day, and during Christmas time they process as much as three billion pieces of mail per week. The issue with the Post Office is not bal-

lot capacity or voter fraud as the president would like many Americans to think.

In reality, new changes brought on by newly Trump-appointed Postmaster General Louis DeJoy pose more of a threat to the election than fraud and Postal Service capacity combined. Reports of cuts to overtime hours, delays in collection of mail and leaving mail behind at the Post Office have led to some recent slow-downs in service times; however, these issues are an effect of the management of the Post Office, not the actual capacity it has for delivering mail. Americans should still mail in ballots and feel confident taking part in the election, they just need to plan ahead. The Postal Service released some guidelines to ensure every ballot counts despite their recent delays. They encourage voters to mail their ballots as early as possible, but no later than one week prior to their state's election due dates to ensure that their ballot is received in time.

For more information on voting in the 2020 Election, attend the political science department's Mauch Fellowship Zoom this Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. Follow the Mauch Fellowship on Instagram @MauchFellows or email bucknellmauchfellows@gmail.com for links to Zoom events, to find out about voter registration, locate polling places and more.



# DRUMMING TO THE BEAT OF WEST AFRICAN HISTORY

## SUMMER OF CHANGE

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As plenty of students at the University are aware, this past summer was a time

for demanding change — at the University, in our local communities and in the greater world. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the world has noticed the

disparities between which communities COVID-19 impacts the hardest, all in terms of health statuses and medical abilities, educational opportunities and

income. Alongside the pandemic, recent incidents of police brutality have further illuminated the United States' need to combat discrimination and injustice.

### THE GRIOT INSTITUTE

While many organizations at the University share the goal of fighting injustice on campus, the Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives & Cultures is a central figure at the University for exploring interdisciplinary artistic, scholarly, cultural and intellectual products of African communities, both historically and in contemporary times. Through a variety of programs and events, the Griot Institute stands to address diversity and the inclusiveness, education and isolation of students of color; use programming on campus to teach the University's students about race, discrimination, and racism; and the University's efforts in becoming more diverse and inclusive.

and promote academic models with more comprehensive focuses on African studies, among many other goals on the University's website.

In particular, some programming and scholarship events sponsored by the Griot Institute on-campus are the Griot Project Book Series, the Annual Lecture and Performance Series, the Bi-Annual Conferences held on-campus, Martin Luther King Jr. Week, a variety of undergraduate research and projects and the Bucknell in the Caribbean trip.

Additionally, this semester the Griot Institute is holding West African Drumming sessions as a special educational opportunity for students to learn the drumming traditions and histories.

### WEST AFRICAN HISTORY

Historically in West African cultures, the term "griot" is known as a member of a class of traveling poets, musicians and storytellers who maintain the tradition of history preservation via word of mouth. A "griot" is a central figure in West African culture, often encouraging many community-based functions and acting as a community historian, cultural critic, indigenous artist and collective spokesperson. The University's own Griot Institute shares this same central goal: creating a space that allows both students and faculty to take part in activities surrounding the cultures, histories, narratives, peoples, geographies and arts of Africa and the African diaspora. According to their website, the Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives & Cultures shares a similar mission to that of a "griot" in West African culture as

a "collaborative enterprise devoted primarily to the interdisciplinary exploration of the aesthetic, artistic and scholarly cultural products and intellectual currents of historical and contemporary African communities."

Having such a space on campus and support of minority communities is especially important in the world's current state of civic unrest, with the horrific murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Atiana Jefferson, Aura Rosser, Stephon Clark, Botham Jean and Philandro Castille, and hundreds of others. Organizations such as the Griot Institute allow for African American students, as well as all students on-campus, to learn and be involved in activities inspired by a diverse array of cultures. It also offers the whole University community an opportunity to educate themselves on the cultures of their fellow students.

### WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING

One of the many ways that students can aid in the Griot Institute's mission is to attend their introductory sessions to West African drumming traditions. This semester, the Griot Institute will run a free eight-week, noncredit experience where students and faculty can learn about West African traditions and their histories. Due to COVID-19 precautions and social distance regulations, only five people will be allowed to participate in-person in the Hildebrandt Great room, where a

drum will be provided. However, there is also the option to participate remotely via zoom. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., starting Sept. 22 through Nov. 10. Further information about registration for the West African drum lessons will be posted on the University's Message Center and the Griot Institute events page. For more information about the Griot Institute, its mission and its events, the program can be contacted via their email at [griot@bucknell.edu](mailto:griot@bucknell.edu).



2019 Griot Institute opening event.  
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## COUNTRY FAIR KICKS OFF FALL FESTIVITIES

Students attend CAP Core's Country Fair with mechanical bull and goat yoga  
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IN-PERSON AND IN NETWORK

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On Friday, Sept. 11, the Campus Activities and Programs Core (CAP Core) hosted the annual Country Fair from 7-11 p.m. Events took place at Uptown. The Commons and the MakerSpace.

For the Country Fair, the studio staff members make mini paint containers throughout the week so students do not have to share paint bottles.

"All 250 pumpkins that were ordered for this event were painted and decorated by eager students," Assistant Director of Campus Activities and Programs Sabrina Shankar said. "All students are required to hand sanitize, wear a mask and socially distance at all events to ensure COVID-19 safety. To help with this, the studio staff members make mini paint containers throughout the week so students do not have to share paint bottles."

Three Goat Yoga sessions took place outside the Commons from 7-10 p.m. Groups of 50 students got to enjoy an evening yoga class while also playing with baby goats. "I really enjoy doing yoga and it was even more fun with goats," Sarah Hamilton '24 said.

Uptown hosted a petting zoo with local farm animals, including goats, chickens, bunnies and cows. Along with the petting zoo, Uptown had lawn games, festive fall snacks and a

mechanical bull.

"We were very pleased with the large turnout, and it was nice to see everyone maintained social distance and mask wearing while enjoying our fun activities. The snacks and goodies were very popular as well, including caramel apples, apple cider, and popcorn, which were all taken by the end of the night. Overall, it was a grand time, and we're very excited to host similar events in the future," Cole Zehe '23, the CORE's executive planner for

the Country Fair, said.

COVID-19 restrictions have made transitioning to University life difficult for many first-year students, but the weekend CAP events have been a great way to meet new people. "I enjoyed going to the Country Fair and getting to meet new people while having fun at the events. My favorite part of the night was getting to ride the mechanical bull and having a caramel apple," Bella Moore '24 said.

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## Spring study abroad: Pandemic uncertainty

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News Content Editor

With the coronavirus pandemic continuing to pose a global threat, sophomore and junior students are unsure of whether they can still participate in study abroad programs.

The University offers several "Bucknell In" programs that are created, organized and led by University faculty. Typically offered year-round and limited to 10-15 students, these programs offer University courses in a variety of disciplines and international and domestic locations, including Athens, Johannesburg and New Orleans. The University also encourages students to apply to one of their 450 partner programs.

All Fall 2020 study abroad programs were canceled, leaving many students scrambling

to make arrangements for their fall semester, whether it be returning to campus or participating in remote instruction.

"My scholarship requires that I go abroad for at least a semester and I was planning on participating in the 'Bucknell in France' abroad program in the fall semester of this year. The program being cancelled put me in a pretty precarious position since I need to figure out how to fulfill that requirement. I am hoping to be able to go abroad in Spring 2021," Jasmine Minhas '22 said.

The cancellation of the Fall 2020 study abroad programs followed the decision in March for all students enrolled in international programs to return immediately to the United States, regardless of whether they were abroad with a "Bucknell In" program.

STORY CONTINUES ON A2

## The Abolish Greek Life movement

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Senior Writer

A total of 1,352 University undergraduate students, or approximately 37% of the University's undergraduate population, are members of a Greek letter organization (GLO). Our University has acquired a particular reputation for its Greek-dominated social scene, consistently ranking in the top 10 of U.S. News and Princeton Review's annual reports of the nation's most Greek-heavy schools.

As the nation continues to wrestle with the inequalities exposed by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, as well as the mass police protests sparked by the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, the "Abolish Greek Life" movement gained purchase at universities across the country. The movement argues that Greek life is exclusionary, racist and misogynist, and structurally resistant to important reforms due to the hierarchical nature of national Greek organizations.

Due to Greek life's considerable presence on our campus, the University could hardly stave off such a movement long. An Instagram account under the handle @abolishgreeklife@bucknell was created over the summer, sharing submitted anecdotes that detail unique student experiences with the Greek system. Most are less than flattering, and many spark grave concerns about the continued preeminence of GLOs on campus.

The majority of the account's submissions seem to delineate a Greek experience

that is predominantly white, straight, physically-fit, and heteronormative. Other posts touch upon such sensitive topics as sexual assault and other serious emotional hardships, which the account argues is part and parcel with a cardinal Greek social culture. Some describe the stress of recruitment, while others talk about how students felt as a person of color in a sorority or fraternity. "Our organization was a mess. Racism, sexual assault, and breaking and entering was just the tip of the [iceberg]," noted one anonymous critic.

The @abolishgreeklife@bucknell page also conducted their own research, distributing a survey about GLO abolition to the account's followers. Out of 141 responses, 66% of those surveyed thought that Greek life should be abolished. While the results may not be representative of the opinions of all students at the University—considering the small sample size and the possible risk of self-selection bias—this result does speak to an incipient call for the total abolition of the Greek system at the University.

While there are students who support the abolition of Greek life, there are many who are more skeptical about such unconditional demands. With fraternity and sorority recruitment season recently concluded (albeit virtually), it is clear that there are still many students who see tangible benefits to Greek life. GLOs remain powerful arbiters of social interaction on campus, and philanthropic work performed by the fraternity serves as both an important personal and career experience to many

Greek life also fosters relationships with students in different class years, and even provides a substantial career network to those recent graduates, who may find themselves in particularly dire economic straits in the face of a galloping recession.

"[Sigma Alpha Epsilon] has helped me make better connections with the guys, helped me get more involved at Bucknell by hearing about opportunities around campus, and has helped me feel more connected to the Bucknell community," David Lundy '21 said.

"I joined Greek Life to meet people and make more friends," Haley Scopelliti '23, a member of the sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, said.

Other Greek members have contemplated, and even actually followed through with disaffiliation from their GLO. "Deciding to disaffiliate was a very tough decision because of how prevalent Greek life is on Bucknell's campus; however, I ultimately made the decision because my values no longer aligned with what Greek life perpetuated and I was no longer interested in the party culture. I was also eager to discover a new side of Bucknell," Megan Waldron '22 said. "The past few weeks I have found some of the most amazing people and communities on campus that I never would have been exposed to if I had stayed in my sorority. It was a scary decision to make, but one that I am so grateful that I made because I am learning more and more about what Lewisburg and Bucknell have to offer every day."

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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Briefs by Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, four Afghans were charged with arson for a fire that destroyed a large migrant camp on the Greek island of Lesbos last week. The migrant camp had housed over 12,000 people, who were all forced to flee as the fire swept up their shelter. After a week of investigation, Lesbos officials were able to identify the four men and formally charge them in a court on the island. The Afghan government is arguing that the fires were set by migrants of the camp, in protest against their lock-down following a coronavirus outbreak.

Most recently, President Nicolás Maduro, along with selected officials, has been accused of committing human rights violations, including inhumane killings, torture and sexual violence crimes against government critics. Last week, UN investigators, of the Human Rights Council, appointed a three-member panel to look into these allegations and determine their involvement. On Wednesday, Sept. 16, the panel announced that there are "reasonable grounds to believe" that Maduro and his officials not only contributed to but also ordered many of these killings and acts of violence. These crimes have been ongoing and in coordination with political motives.

## DOMESTIC

Dozens of wildfires have burned along the West Coast since the beginning of August. Strong winds and low humidity have been hampering efforts to curb the fire. As of Sept. 16, the wildfires have destroyed an area about the size of New Jersey, have killed 36 people and smoke from the fires has spread all the way to the east coast.

Hurricane Sally continues to ravage the South East, leaving a path of flooding, power outages, and other forms of damage. The storm took form last weekend in Southern Florida and then traveled west towards Alabama and New Orleans. The National Hurricane Center issued a warning saying that "Historic and catastrophic flooding, including widespread moderate to major river flooding, is unfolding."

## Voting summit stresses importance of civic engagement

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The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge and Campus Vote Project hosted the virtual Pennsylvania Student Voting Summit on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 1-4 p.m. on Zoom.

The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is a nonpartisan initiative that works to improve political engagement and voter participation on college campuses. The organization issued a challenge to universities: universities must help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship and make democratic participation a core value on their campus.

"I think college students are a really important demographic for this upcoming election, and all elections in general. For a lot of students,

it will be the first election they can participate in, and studies have shown that participating in the electoral process early in your lifetime increases the chances of you forming the habit of voting as you get older," student event organizer Abby Kapp '21 said.

To join the challenge, universities must first assemble a committee that includes professors, students and administrative faculty. After, the committee develops and implements an action plan that describes its strategy to increase voter turnout rates. The results are then reported to ALL IN and campuses who achieve student voting rates of 50% or higher will earn seals.

The event was one of the University's initiatives toward achieving this goal. The summit involved a presentation from the Pennsylvania Department

of State on college student voting and election updates, a voter engagement strategy session led by the Students Learn Students Vote coalition, and breakout sessions for networking and learning. The breakout rooms discussed the focus areas of community colleges, PASSHE institutions, student poll worker recruitment and the Pennsylvania Student Voting Coalition.

"This was the first time being able to participate in the event, but I think they did an amazing job transitioning to a virtual platform. The Pennsylvania Student Voting Summit was extremely informative about how we can get students on our campus excited about voting," Kapp explained. The voter registration deadline in Pennsylvania is Oct. 19, 2020. Those interested can register online by visiting pavoterservices.pa.gov or by mailing their

completed application to their county voter registration office.



## COUNTRY FAIR

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"As someone who thrives around animals, being at college can be a rough transition with only the squirrels to fill that role. The goat yoga and the petting zoo on Friday night was a perfect way for animal people to feel more at home. It was so nice

to be able to interact with people and pet some cute farm animals in a safe way. Since there aren't many extracurricular events happening outside of zoom, it really felt like a step towards normalcy while being cautious and safe." Gianna Rubel '22 said.

## STUDY ABROAD

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gram or any of the study abroad partner programs.

"Studying abroad in Vienna was such a special, empowering time in my life. I was devastated when it was cut short due to COVID-19. My last night in the city, my friends and I sat together, watched the sunset, and toasted to the unforgettable, magical moments we had. That is how I choose to remember my time studying abroad. I would not change it for a chance to do it over again because those months were truly life-changing. I am forever grateful for the people I met, the experiences I had and moments I shared in the most captivating city in the world," Mackenzie Gross '21 said.

According to the University, 49% of students study abroad at some point in their college careers. However, with the continued cancellation of study abroad programs across the nation, this statistic could change considerably.

"We are planning for Spring 2021 study abroad, for

both Bucknell-in and Partner (third party) programs. We, however, continue to monitor the state of affairs in the field, regarding the global pandemic and the general safety issues it raises for our students. Many factors will drive decisions regarding the status of the Spring 2021 programs, including travel restrictions to various countries, availability of adequate care on-site, and the CDC and Department of State security advisories," Director of the Office of Global & Off-Campus Education Dr. Stephen Appiah-Padi said. "It is our hope that the global situation will change for the better by the end of September when we expect to make a firm decision."

The Office of Global & Off-Campus Education advises students interested in studying abroad during the Spring 2021 semester to look into abroad opportunities and will allow students to submit new applications for the upcoming semester.

## Upcoming Campus Events

Sarah Haber  
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Saturday, Sept. 19

Keeping it Reel: Selma  
8:30 p.m. @ Malesardi Quadrangle  
Join us on the Malesardi Quad for an outdoor showing of the film "Selma."

Yard Games & Snacks  
7 p.m.-11 p.m. @ Uptown  
Join us outside for corn hole, kan jam and spikeball!

DIY Slime  
7-11 p.m. @ 7th Street Studio & MakerSpace  
De-stress this Saturday by making your very own slime.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Virtual Trivia  
8 p.m.-10 p.m. via Zoom  
Join us every Tuesday night for Trivia. Zoom Meeting ID: 324 630 7063, Passcode: 965488

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Faith, Race, and Justice Text and Bible Study  
3:30-4:30 p.m. @ Rooke Chapel Memorial Grove and via Zoom  
Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

in the Rooke Chapel Memorial Grove and via Zoom. Message kdn004@bucknell.edu with questions, or for a Zoom link.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Virtual Bingo  
8 p.m.-10 p.m. via Zoom  
Join us every Thursday for virtual bingo. <https://bucknell.zoom.us/j/98754141500> Meeting ID: 987 5414 1500

Friday, Sept. 25

DIY Mugs and Mug Cakes  
7 p.m.-11 p.m. @ 7th Street Studio & MakerSpace  
A Just Desserts event. Stop by the Seventh Street MakerSpace to design a mug and then fill it with a delicious mug cake.

Cookie Decorating at the Commons  
7 p.m.-11 p.m. @ The Commons  
A Just Desserts event. Stop by the Commons and test your cookie decorating skills.

DIY Mason Jars with Ice Cream Floats  
7 p.m.-11 p.m. @ Uptown  
A Just Desserts Event. Stop by Uptown to personalize a mason jar and then pour and enjoy an ice cream float in it.

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## Universal voter types on apolitical campus

Liz Whitmer  
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As the election nears, a wide variety of voters are coming to the forefront of political discussions. The Bucknellian was thrilled to secure interviews with students who attend the least diverse and most apolitical campus ever to exist.

Patrick Pompous '21 plans to vote third-party in the November election, bringing it up every possible chance he gets. "While it may be true that my life and the lives of minority groups I pretend to — er, do — care about are considerably worse since 2016, I can't, in good conscience, vote for anyone who doesn't support murdering every billionaire as their first action in office," Pompous said. Pompous's morally-superior, holier-than-thou attitude when discussing politics has deterred every person with whom he has ever interacted from voting altogether.

Bianca Brainwashed '23, on the other hand, is excitedly voting for U.S. President Donald Trump again this year. When asked what is a deciding factor in her decision, Brainwashed explained that the election is a personal financial issue for her. "I just cannot begin to stand the thought of some communist like

Joe Biden coming in and taking all my money," Bianca, who works at a frozen yogurt shop for minimum wage, said.

While Brainwashed is an avid supporter of Trump, Mad-die Moderate '22 plans on voting for his opposition in just a few weeks. Moderate, who sees herself as a political activist and radical leftist, is most excited about Biden's "superprogressive healthcare plan." Moderate went on to add that she is "excited to see another straight, cisgender, white man in the White House again, but this time accompanied by a woman of color."

Even though Pompous, Brainwashed and Moderate all bring "points" — technically speaking — to the table, Cyrus Cynical '21 remains unconvinced. Rather than giving interviewers the name of the person for whom he plans to vote, Cynical went on a 20-minute rant about the dangers of government. "Voting is just another way the government controls you, man," Cyrus said. "Giving everyone a choice doesn't give anyone a choice."

Hopefully all of these students follow in the footsteps of Cynical and forget to vote on Nov. 3, or at least become significantly more knowledgeable on each candidate before they do so.

## Delivery driver drivels



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PITT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

It's safe to say that people have seen a decrease in face-to-face social interactions this year, which is something we're not exactly used to. Especially as college students, we are so accustomed to seeing a hundred different people every single day and night while also living with a roommate and hall mates. Isolation is foreign for many of us. This has extended throughout the entire community and has been observed all throughout the United States since March. However, some people are handling it differently than we may expect.

I promise you will not guess the topic on which I am about to enlighten you: weird DoorDash and other food delivery worker encounters.

"Over the weekend, my friends and I ordered some DoorDash because none of us wanted to drive to get it. But when the delivery guy texted us saying he was at our building, he had sat himself down in front of the door and started eating my food," Patricia Eats '22 said. "As in, half of my fries were gone and my burger had magically disappeared. Then he yelled at me for getting onions on my burger."

"I had a horror story

with an UberEats driver the other week. When she came to drop my food off, she just started crying and hugging me. I was pretty confused, so I asked her what was wrong and she told me I'm the first person she's seen in a very long time because she lives with her 13 cats and always just drops the food off and picks it up without seeing people," Alex Driver '23 said. "Her words, not mine. Safe to say I had no idea what was going on and wrote it off as me being too drunk."

"Grubhub seriously needs to get less weird drivers. In the time I've been back at the University, I've had Grubhub three times and I've had three weird encounters. The first one asked me what my favorite sleeping position was. The second one asked me if I liked birds and I said yes and he said, 'Why? I hate birds.' Then the last one asked me if I could give him one single ketchup packet so we can use it for his eggs when he gets home. I said no because eggs and ketchup don't go together, but you catch my drift," Kevin Mustard '21 said.

One time when I got Postmates, the man texted me "Bones" and nothing else. So now I don't get Postmates anymore. Hopefully, there are fewer weird food delivery stories after the caf improves their food and things take a turn for the better.

## Working out when nothing else is



GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANONNE, GRAPHICS CO-MANAGER

Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

A recent University poll showed that quarantine has left many students feeling out of shape. An unrelated poll showed that University students have watched an average of seven seasons of any given television series a week over the quarantine period. Thankfully, some University students provided insight into the best ways to get in a good workout without entering a coronavirus cesspool, also known as the University fitness center.

Annie Anxiety '21 successfully gets her heart rate

up for at least 60 minutes a day by thinking about the impending doom of the world. When explaining an outline of her routine, Anxiety told reporters, "I begin the day by doing some homework for my Zoom classes that I'm ultimately teaching myself, which is a nice warm-up to get the blood pumping. Then I start to think about how unclear it is when — or if — things will ever be normal again, and really hit my stride when the impending dread of complete societal collapse sets in. By the time I'm cooling down and acknowledging the inherent absurdity and meaningless-

ness of life, I've averaged a heart rate of about 200 beats per minute."

But Anxiety's approach isn't for everyone. Instead, Wendy Worrier '21 likes to take a leisurely stroll around her single dorm room to burn some calories. "I frantically pace around my room for about four hours a day, so only when I think about the fact that I will be graduating in a few months when the world will still be in shambles, and even find myself doing so in the middle of the night sometimes, too," Worrier said. "That's when I break out what I like to call the 'extended pace'."

While some students like

to do some cardio to get back in shape, others, like Em Path '24, take up weight training to get the job done. "Every time I read the news and see all the terrible things happening in the world, I just put the weight of the world on my shoulders," Path said. "It works my targeted muscle groups so well that it's nearly impossible to get out of bed every morning."

All these students take a different approach to getting back to their peak physical performance, but they all appear to be thriving. Clearly the only health aspect of these students that has been hit after a global pandemic is physical.

## Changes in frat culture

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

The word "college" reminds me of quite a few things, but some that come to mind almost immediately (besides academics, of course) are "parties" and "frats." I don't think it would be a false generalization to say that such events are vital to most people's college experience, especially here at the University.

Frats are both the best and worst part of this entire community; they provide us with unforgettable experiences with friends and allow us to meet new people, but are also a breeding ground

for the most obscure strains of germs and uncomfortable dance-floor make-outs.

However, since the pandemic, social activities in every form have been drastically reimagined. Gone are the days where students could go to frats to meet new people and bond over how sweaty they are. Seriously, I did not realize how much sweat I was capable of producing until I experienced this firsthand.

Frats have shifted their rules due to the implications of the pandemic. Social distancing and masking wouldn't work super well given the frat and culture we have become so accustomed to.

"We usually just get a

pong tournament going with the brothers," Sigma Apple Pie fraternity member Trey said. "The problem is that the liquor stores won't sell kegs because they are also enforcing social distancing rules, so we barely have enough space in our house to keep all of the 30 racks we buy cold." A really difficult situation, Trey — we feel for you.

"I think the worst part about following the social distancing rules is the lack of interesting dance floor make-outs,"

Kappa Pig fraternity member John said. "It was always so hilarious but now I can't even think about kissing anybody because of all the germs." We offer our deepest condolences to John, who might not be fully

aware that kissing always involves a lot of germs.

"The ratios this year are so rough," Alpha Microphone Pi fraternity member Tyler said. "We are being really strict with COVID-19 regulations as we should, so the brothers usually only have a couple of girls at a time in the backyard. And they're always someone's girlfriends." Things will look up soon, Tyler. However, I sincerely hope your ratio improves once the pandemic is under control."

Clearly, people are having a really difficult time adjusting to the new normal, but hopefully this new normal doesn't stray too far from the old normal (I have a feeling it doesn't).

## Fashion talk with The Bean

Maximus Bean  
Contributing Writer

With all of this talk of "COVID-19" and constant reminders that "IF UNABLE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE, PREPARE TO MASK," I believe it's time to talk about a pressing issue that hasn't really been explored in any of the news or entertainment I have been watching.

In all of the updates and school news that has occurred since the beginning of this semester, it has hardly registered that new winds of fashion have blown through our compact campus. As an average-looking manlet who wears nothing but cargoes, t-shirts and sandals all day, I have no prior experience nor knowledge on fashion trends, but I feel as if I am completely

qualified to give out tips and tricks on the subject, much like every other "expert" on fashion today.

For starters, many students have opted to use the University MakerSpace to 3D-print their school clothes. Sweaters, jackets, t-shirts and even pants and socks are now being made using high-grade special 3D-printing filament. I even started making my own pair of mittens for the winter with the MakerSpace. The only downside is that they offer only light weather protection and little-to-no comfort whatsoever. A rather small price to pay for looking fashionable, I'd say. The 3-D printed masks are another conversation altogether, especially when it ties into another big University fashion trend that's skyrocketing in popularity.

As of recently, people are weaving and crafting their own homemade masks. Once a cottage industry of individuals working with common cloth, these fashionable necessities are now being crafted all over campus with fun, crazy patterns like cowskin, cactus, puzzle pieces, daisies, Mechazoid 3000, AquWater®, human, Nietzsche, Pink Mechazoid 3000 (for the ladies) and plaid.

More expensive masks have been shipped in from other countries. Have you ever wanted a mask made from llama fur? The expertly peeled-and-stitched skin of 57 pea pods? Have you ever observed the feathers of the average New York City pigeon, and found yourself thinking "if only that could be on my face?" These projects represent the newest landmark in the

fashion industry itself, and it's all hot stuff at the University! Bye-bye mink — hello monkey!

Modern trends notwithstanding, regular University students have taken up the charge to change the dress-culture both in and out of the classroom. I actually managed to talk to one of the students after their thrice-daily zoom class. Here's what he had to say: "Oh sh[oot]! I'm still wearing pajamas!" Another student reported that they "walked past like 20 people, why did you wait until now to tell me I was in my underwear?" Clearly, these trendsetters are eager to display their daring and bold attire during these trying and stressful times. Perhaps that's a lesson we should all learn during this turbulent era of fashion fluctuation: that things change.



# COURSE SPOTLIGHT: WILDLIFE AND EMERGING DISEASES (BIOL 309)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19

With the COVID-19 pandemic spreading globally, many students and faculty are asking questions about the virus. Dr. [Name] is a leading expert on the topic and has been asked to provide answers to some of the most common questions.

**Q: What is COVID-19?**

**A:** COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that causes respiratory illness. It is spread from person to person through droplets or contact with surfaces.

**Q: How is it spread?**

**A:** The virus is spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread through contact with surfaces that have been contaminated with the virus.

**Q: What are the symptoms?**

**A:** Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Some people may also experience fatigue, muscle aches, and loss of taste or smell.

**Q: How can we prevent it?**

**A:** The best way to prevent COVID-19 is by practicing good hygiene, including frequent handwashing with soap and water, wearing a mask, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

## WILDLIFE AND EMERGING DISEASES

Although this course is primarily focused on the study of wildlife, it also covers the relationship between wildlife and emerging diseases. Dr. [Name] is a leading expert on the topic and has been asked to provide answers to some of the most common questions.

**Q: What is the relationship between wildlife and emerging diseases?**

**A:** Wildlife can act as a reservoir for many emerging diseases. For example, the 1918 influenza pandemic is thought to have originated in birds. The 2009 H1N1 pandemic was caused by a virus that had jumped from pigs to humans.

**Q: How can we prevent the spread of emerging diseases?**

**A:** One way to prevent the spread of emerging diseases is by protecting wildlife habitats. Another way is by practicing good hygiene and avoiding close contact with wildlife.

**Q: What are some examples of emerging diseases?**

**A:** Examples include SARS, MERS, and COVID-19. These diseases are all thought to have originated in wildlife.

## FUTURE OF CORONAVIRUS

As the world continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, many are wondering what the future of the coronavirus holds. Dr. [Name] is a leading expert on the topic and has been asked to provide answers to some of the most common questions.

**Q: What is the future of the coronavirus?**

**A:** The future of the coronavirus is uncertain. It could become a seasonal virus, like the common cold, or it could disappear. It could also mutate and become more virulent.

**Q: How can we prepare for the future?**

**A:** One way to prepare for the future is by investing in research to better understand the virus. Another way is by practicing good hygiene and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.



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## The #FreeBritney movement



GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANNONE, GRAPHIC ARTIST

Caroline Hendrix  
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Who is the all-around icon of the early 2000s? You probably do not need much time to answer and if I could attach a poll onto this article, I'm sure that the majority of responses would be the one and only Britney Spears.

Famous for her rise to stardom after Disney Channel's Mickey Mouse Club, her iconic music video looks, her signature like-no-other vocals and, lastly, her 2007 mental breakdown that led to shaving her head, Spears has solidified her place as an American cultural fixture. From the outside, her life can seem pretty glamorous — most of us grew up dreaming of one day becoming a rich and famous pop sensation. Yet does the glitz and glamour blind us from seeing the hardship and struggles that Spears has had to deal with throughout her singing career? Are we too caught up in the materialism and fame to see that Spears is crying out for help and has been for a decade? Only recently have

the media and her fans made an effort to uncover the truth behind Spears's controlled life, just as the pop star herself has taken action to gain her own independence.

To unpack the #FreeBritney movement, one must look back to 2008, at which time Spears experienced numerous mental breakdowns that led to her "court-approved conservatorship." As described by the Los Angeles Times, conservatorship allows one to have complete control over another's personal and financial affairs. In the case of Spears, most of this authority has been given to her father, James Spears. However, it was only a few months ago when the public became concerned about Spears's safety. Spears bizarrely began posting videos on her social media platforms from odd angles showing off different outfits. Her actions seemed forced and many even thought that she could be kidnapped. The public came to believe that Spears was not permitted to do anything else during the conservator-

ship, leaving her to film herself walking back and forth in various outfits to entertain herself. This reasoning explains her strange behavior and has led to the birth of the #FreeBritney movement to give Spears back the reins to her own life.

Now Spears is supposedly taking action to make changes to the conservatorship and possibly even eliminate it altogether, according to the New York Times. Spears should have every right to make decisions about her own life, especially seeing how her conservatorship was put into effect over a decade ago. If her mental condition has changed, then so should the severity of the conservatorship. And while it is important to give Spears and her family privacy while they work out the logistics through the guidance of the court, the public has played an integral part in raising awareness about the truth behind Spears's recent behavior as well as on the not-so-glamorous truth behind the lives of all the celebrities we choose to idolize.

## Trump's COVID denial will damage his campaign

Alyssa Endres  
Contributing Writer

Last week, an audio clip from a March 19 interview between investigative journalist Bob Woodward and U.S. President Donald Trump went viral. In the leaked clip, Trump states, "I've always wanted to play [COVID-19] down. I still like playing it down, because I don't want to create a panic." It comes as quite a shock to some, while others are not as surprised, that Trump wanted to cover up the severity of the virus to the public.

Trump has claimed numerous times throughout his presidency that he has never lied to the American people. Therefore, this leaked statement on his response to the coronavirus pandemic has raised even more questions regarding Trump's honesty

Many have disapproved of Trump's handling of COVID-19, perhaps one of the most prominent people being Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). Fauci said that Trump downplaying the threat of the coronavirus was, ultimately, "not a good thing." He went on to say, "There were times I was out there telling the American public this is — how we're having a really serious problem, you know — and the president was saying it's something that's going to disappear, which obviously is not the case." As the nation's leading infectious disease expert, Fauci certainly holds authority in this area, and his opinion should be prioritized in this particular circumstance. The leaked audio served as evidence

that Trump could have taken the virus more seriously, and perhaps by doing so, could also have prevented the now 191,000 deaths from COVID-19 in the United States. This audio leak undoubtedly has negative implications for the Trump re-election campaign. Many previous Trump supporters from the 2016 election that have been affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States will most likely reconsider their votes this November. The audio not only reveals Trump's mishandling of the pandemic's outbreak into the U.S., but also demonstrates a clear withholding of information from the American people. It will be difficult for Trump to regain his credibility and trust from the American people affected by the pandemic in time for the election.

## The American dream: Now and then

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Contributing Writer

The image of lavish homes, tailored clothing, elite education and access to travel encompasses the ever sought-after American dream, brilliantly depicted in F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, "The Great Gatsby." But while the American dream is supposedly attainable by all those who desire it, in reality, some groups are placed at a substantial disadvantage due to the systemic racism and discrimination that places hurdles along the path to achieving this dream.

The American dream is described as a "gateway to possibility" — the idea that an individual can go beyond the expectations into which they were born. The dream is, to some, a measurement of success and achievement. Achieving the idea of this dream, usually via high positions in corporate culture, the accumulation of wealth and joining the elite class, gives a profound sense of validation. For many, the dream is to escape the restrictions of poverty to a more comfortable lifestyle, while for others, it consists of breaking through the prejudices that once held them back.

In "The Great Gatsby," Jay Gatsby's American dream is to obtain his love interest, Daisy Buchanan. Gatsby comes from poor roots, while Buchanan is from a wealthy southern family. After falling in love with Daisy, Gatsby must elevate his social status to reach her. She symbolizes success, money, the upper class, comfortable living — everything that Gatsby lacks. To achieve that, Gatsby sets foot on the path to the American dream, taking part in practices to accumulate

wealth, eventually acquiring a large mansion, monogram shirts and the lifestyle that he believes will attract Daisy. Gatsby, who sees Daisy as the key to his happiness and the life he envisions for himself, throws lavish parties as often as he can in the hopes of her walking through the door.

But pressures to achieve a higher class chase Gatsby, as it does all the main characters, with relentless and ravenous intensity. For Gatsby, the dream is intertwined with elevating his class, but in today's climate, it is more about attaining a more comfortable and secure lifestyle envisioned by our nation's Founding Fathers. This lack of equity falls most acutely on minority groups, who suffer disproportionately from low access to and outcomes from healthcare, housing, sufficient nutrition and meaningful jobs that pay enough to support families. Nevertheless, the desire for equality provides such underserved groups with some hope; it keeps them persistent on the path to progress and, ideally, the American dream.

The Black community and their supporters taking part in the Black Lives Matter movement are fighting for more than justice. These activists are rallying for equal access to the American dream and equal opportunity for what is valued — housing, education and fulfilling careers. In combating police brutality, one facet of institutional racism's complex mosaic can finally be addressed. This, in turn, will create a society in which all people may feel safe in their neighborhoods, and in which citizens do not feel menaced by the force of the state. Reduction of force in such over-policed neighborhoods will, in turn, create greater confidence,

comfort and likely economic prosperity in these areas, such developments bring higher property values and higher quality education, better job opportunities, and finally further expansion of possibilities within a given region. A virtuous circle is thus established.

In 1951, Langston Hughes' poem "Harlem" questioned, "What happens to a dream deferred?" That dream can dissipate in a variety of ways, or it can explode in anger and excitement. The "American dream" was not deferred for Gatsby; he went to work to achieve it to the best of his ability. Ultimately, he did not attain Daisy, but he did elevate his social image to fit in among her social circle. Hughes' prediction has been realized too many times; peaceful protests still hold anger and disappointment and the possibility that the dream deferred too long, stopped by those with more power, will explode. We are seeing this explosion now with the protests and movements for racial equality to combat racism embedded throughout America. And this explosion is necessary, and the right way to go if we ever want to cultivate change. We must be allies, we must be at the forefront.

Collectively, we need to ensure that all Americans, regardless of skin color, race, gender or sex, have access to the American dream. We must open our hearts and our minds to bring compassion throughout the country to allow all Americans to feel appreciated and important. Above all, we must believe in children, of all backgrounds, from young ages so that they remain starry-eyed as they grow older and endeavor on their paths to success.

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Anothony Lopez  
Staff Writer

I planned for a different semester than the one I'm having. I was meant to move into my single in Swartz Hall the day before classes. Yet, one by one, each of my classes confirmed that they would not be meeting in person, as I had hoped, but rather online. So, I had to make the difficult decision to remain in New York, away from the University for, at the very least, the entirety of the fall semester.

It is clear that I am among many others who elected to stay home rather than be on-campus this year, and I am also not alone in believing that tuition, by and large, should have been reduced for those who have to rely on video conferencing for their education. The University has been helpful in some regard concerning tuition, including a tuition freeze which will, as is stated on the University website, "mean a savings of more than \$2,000 per student over our previously announced rate." However, this is but a small solution for a larger issue.

In the spring of 2020, all current University students were sent home to finish the school year online. It was a substantially different experience that had many longing for the return of the authentic classroom experience — not the virtual class time mired with technical difficulties, disruptions and

a general lack of focus to which we had become accustomed. That is not to say that the situation with remote learning is as grave this fall: many teachers and students who had once been forced to quickly adjust have now adapted better to the alternate form of teaching.

Nevertheless, even with improvements from the previous year, the experience of remote learning is profoundly different, though it is still being treated monetarily equal. The University is one of many schools that has refused to budge when it comes to a reduction in tuition, while also being one of the most expensive to attend in the United States. Yet it remains unmoving in its policy.

It is deeply frustrating, but also not unfounded. With fewer students on campus, the demand for housing has decreased as well. It is likely why the \$700 meal plan has been entirely removed in favor of the now cheapest \$1,400 option, which provides seven meals a week. As Terry W. Hartle, a senior vice president for the American Council on Education, stated in an article for the New York Times, "These are unprecedented times, and more and more families are needing more and more financial assistance to enroll in college. But colleges also need to survive."

The higher frequency of students selecting remote learning, coupled with the

ongoing pandemic has had many hindered the financial capabilities of the University. Study-abroad programs, in which the University touts that 49% of its students enroll, are canceled for the fall semester. That is a large source of income that the University no longer has access to — more so than other institutions, as the national average is at a much lower 10%. The necessity for greater public safety also enforces further spending towards masks, cleaning supplies and other health products.

Little of the current situation is desirable, neither for the students who remained at home nor for universities like ours who are forced to make difficult decisions to stay afloat. According to Moody's Investors Service, before the pandemic, nearly 30% of universities "were already running operating deficits." While I am fortunate enough to have internet access in my home as well as a personal laptop, millions of other students are not nearly as privileged. Fourteen percent of students from the ages of 3-18 lack internet access at home, a greater struggle for remote-learning college students. This is a predicament where no one comes out the victor, and all are certain to struggle in. Eventually, we can hope for a return to a certain level of normalcy, but until then there is little for students and universities to do but adapt and hope to stay afloat.

Haley Beardsley  
Contributing Writer

My initial reaction to seeing a headline regarding U.S. President Donald Trump's nomination for a Nobel Peace Prize included two things: the first, an audible inquiry — "what in the world?" — and the second, an immediate click on the article. It is nearly impossible to ignore such an intriguing headline considering the recent backlash Trump has been receiving, in addition to his utter incompetence.

Somewhere between the neglect of the Black Lives Matter movement and the blatant disregard for the severity of COVID-19, Trump's brokering of the Israel-United Arab Emirates peace agreement, also known as the Abraham Accords, was perhaps lost in the chaos. This peace agreement between Israel and the UAE declared that the two nations would return to "normal relations," exchanging resident ambassadors and spurring bilateral economic, political and societal growth, according to CNN. Israel and the UAE were said to have already been cooperating on military projects, but the peace agreement certified and publicized their long-suspected relations. In furtherance of such "normalization," Israel agreed to suspend the annexation of the West Bank, land that had been continually disputed between Israel and Palestine. Trump brokered the agreement

between Israel and the UAE.

Trump has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for "trying to create peace between nations," but in reality, his beloved agreement has changed nothing. William Fodman, an associate fellow in the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, explains that the development of regional peace is being "exaggerated" considering the UAE and Israel were never actually engaged in war or even precipitative military conflict. Calling the Abraham Accords a "peace agreement" is thus a misnomer for a document that simply publicized ongoing, peaceful relations between the UAE and Israel. Furthermore, this is not a "peace-for-peace" deal — it is conditioned on Israel's delay in annexing the West Bank.

In terms of suspending the annexation, why would Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister of Israel, agree to halt his long-intended territorial goals for Greater Israel to solidify relations with a small, seemingly unimportant Gulf state? He wouldn't and he didn't; the leader merely agreed to "suspend" the annexation, leaving the door open for future conflict and acquisition of the desired West Bank territory. By agreeing to simply suspend the annexation, Netanyahu can ride out the popularity of creating "peace" with an Arab state until his reelection. After securing the position and power, Netanyahu can con-

tinue his goal of annexation without hesitation or the ostensible prohibition provided for in the Abraham Accords. The agreement provides no cemented long-term peace, and is hence unjustly being depicted as a win for Trump.

Finally, the Peace Prize nomination suggests that Trump has sparked possible peace between Israel and the rest of the Arab world, however, the chance for "spillover peace" with other Middle Eastern nations is extremely unlikely. According to the Jewish News, most countries in the region will not reach normalization with Israel until a separate agreement is made with Palestine. The Arab Peace Initiative of 2002 provides, for instance, that Arab states are not to enter into Israeli peace agreement without a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; normative commitments to the territory, too, serve as restraints on state diplomacy. The UAE in particular has been the recipient of international opprobrium regarding the Abraham Accord, notably Palestine itself, whose leadership described the accord as a "betrayal." The Abraham Accords have no chance of establishing long-term peace between Israel and the Arab world — indeed, if anything, it has made the schisms present in the Middle East yet more apparent. In short, Trump's superficial agreement is hardly worth the attention it's received thus far, much less a Nobel Peace Prize.

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

### Deal or no deal: "Getting Brexit done" four years later

Nicole Reddig  
BIPP Intern

It has been over four years since the June 23, 2016 Brexit referendum in the United Kingdom. Since then, the country has had two elections, three prime ministers and at least four different Brexit deadlines. So, in 2020, how exactly will Brexit get done?

Current Prime Minister Boris Johnson is practicing a bit of modern-day brinkmanship by threatening to break international law and crash out of the European Union (EU) at the end of the year without a deal. In October 2019, Johnson joined an agreement with the EU to take Britain out of the EU in name on Jan. 31, 2020, with an 11-month transition period to reach a full deal to leave by Dec. 31, 2020. These negotiations are currently stalled.

Last week, Johnson introduced the U.K. Internal Market Bill to address the flow of goods between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. Though Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom, it shares a land border with

Ireland, dividing the Protestant and Catholic communities that were in constant strife during the Troubles in the late 20th century. The current Brexit deal would allow goods to flow between Ireland and Northern Ireland, but goods that are traveling from the United Kingdom to Ireland through Northern Ireland will be subject to checks in the Irish Sea. The Internal Market Bill violates this agreement. Instead, it would allow the United Kingdom to decide not to engage in border checks and set their standards for state aid to Northern Ireland, regardless of EU requirements.

Cabinet Secretary for Northern Ireland Brandon Lewis said that the policy breaks international law in a "very specific and limited way." So, what is the prime minister risking by unabashedly breaking the law? Instead of reaching a deal, the United Kingdom may crash out of the EU without a deal at the end of the year, leading to increased border stoppages, customs delays and trade disruptions most affecting food and medicine supply chains.

In the event of a no-deal, it is estimated that food coming from the EU could face a 22 percent tariff. Diplomatically, former Tory Prime Ministers Theresa May and John Major worry that breaking this deal will diminish trust in the United Kingdom globally, affecting future trade agreements. In the United States, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and former Vice President Joe Biden have said that they are unwilling to enter into a U.S.-U.K. trade agreement if Brexit negotiations jeopardize the Good Friday Agreement.

With no end in sight, Johnson must put the country's well-being over his personal agenda of "getting Brexit done" at any cost. Facing the COVID-19 pandemic and consequential economic recession, the United Kingdom is already struggling to rebuild the economy, maintain food supply chains and provide healthcare to its residents. Johnson must stop playing around with strong-arm tactics and start engaging in diplomacy to avoid a catastrophic no-deal Brexit at the end of the year.

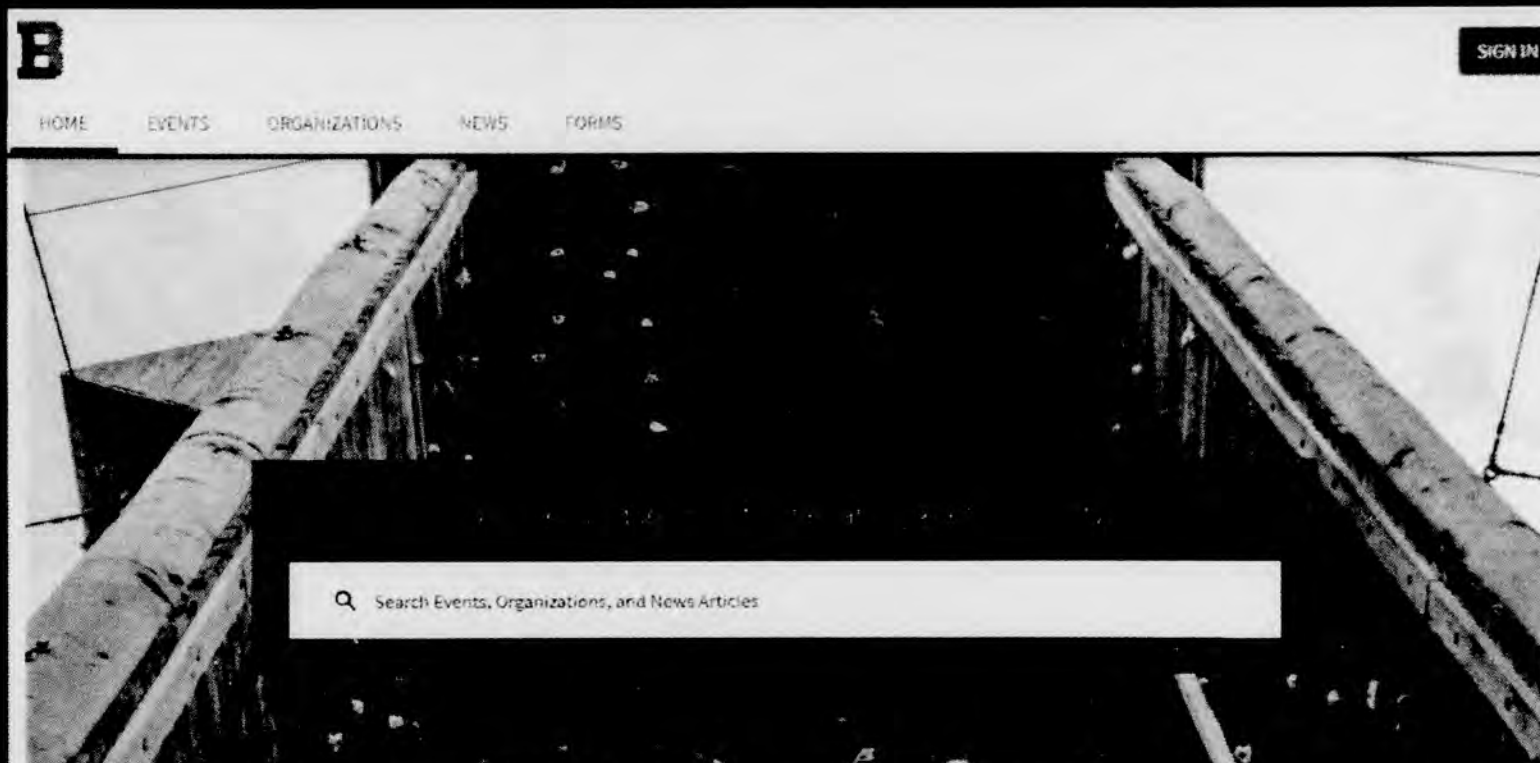
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## In-Person and IN Network

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Contributing Writer

This fall semester has come with many changes — from mandated facial coverings in public spaces, to the preeminence of online classes and the extinction of social events, the on-campus experience is fundamentally different from the recent past. One

aspect of campus life that has changed noticeably (while maintaining its commitment to involvement, socialization and entertainment) is the Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Center and the events it hosts throughout the semester. The CAP Center has adapted to these new and challenging times in its hosting of weekly events, which ensure

both amusement and safety to all the participants involved.

"There are so many creative outlets to get involved in. From goat yoga at Country Fair to outdoor movies on the quad to winning a cornhole tournament, there truly is something for everyone," Assistant Director of Campus Activities & Programs Molly Burkholder said. These

activities are held at various locations throughout campus — from 7th Street Studio to the Elaine Langone Center (ELC) to Uptown — and take all necessary precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. "We have events every Friday and Saturday night, along with some pop-up programs throughout the week," Burkholder said.

## How Have the Students Reacted?

College is a time full of changes, and the extra ones that came with this fall semester may seem overwhelming at some points, especially to the University's first-year students. However, despite this, the activities offered by the CAP Center have proven to be an effective way to promote socialization and fun on the campus while keeping students safe. These activities are designed to provide distance and relaxation from the academic week and to attenuate the dramatic social isolation created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Last week's country fair event, which included goat yoga, a petting zoo and a mechanical bull,

proved to be a big hit. "Goat yoga was a nice distraction to all the current worry and stress happening right now," Georgia Corbett '24 said. "It was one of the best weekends I have had at Bucknell."

Emma Burns '24, another first-year student at the University, attended goat yoga at the Commons and the petting zoo at Uptown, and thoroughly enjoyed both. "I had an amazing time at the country fair. The caramel apples were delicious and it really made me feel like fall is finally here," Burns said. "Not to mention the goat yoga, which has got to be

one of my favorite memories at Bucknell so far! Thanks to everyone who helped put this together because I had a great time."

"I have been to a couple of the activity nights but my favorite has definitely been the S'mores Night. It was a fun way to hang out with lots of friends and enjoy snacks even while social distancing, [and] I really enjoyed it," Nate Swales '24 said.

In addition to in-person activities, the IN Network and CAP Center have also organized multiple remote events to take place in order to benefit students

One such event is the University's Career Zoom @ Noon, a weekly resource for students to learn about career-related information and various techniques to secure an internship or job. Tori Casquarelli '24, who attended this Zoom event, explained that the session provided helpful information and encouraged other students to attend. In short, the CAP Center appears to have created a largely successful campus program for the semester, despite the obvious difficulties presented by social distancing and mask-wearing protocols.

## How to Stay Informed

From weekly emails to social media, there are plenty of ways to stay in-the-loop on the activity offerings of the CAP Center and the IN Network. An easy way to stay updated on their events is to follow the CAP Center's Instagram, @buck-

nellcapcenter. This page not only posts the necessary information for all events hosted, both in-person and online, but also posts highlights of students enjoying the events in a safe way.

In addition to this Instagram page, the full

schedule for the activities offered through the CAP Center is available on the University's App under the "Campus Life" tab. Lastly, all students are emailed a weekly bulletin by both the IN Network, as well as the Bucknell Message Center

Digest, which outlines all upcoming events. With all the changes seen on campus, it is as important as ever to stay involved and connected, and, luckily, the resources provided by the CAP Center make such involvement far easier.







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## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PROTEST FOOD INSECURITY



Students and faculty participate in breadline protest to raise awareness for food insecurity  
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ISOLATING INSIDE OR GOING  
OUTDOORS?

Sarah Baldwin  
Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, a group of students, faculty and community members hosted a breadline action outside of Freas Admissions Hall. The coalition comprised participants from several groups, including Green New Deal Lewisburg (GNDL), the Bucknell University Democratic Socialists (BUDS), the Food Security Council and Bedtime Radicalism, all of whom partook in the protest to raise awareness

for food insecurity at the University. This action comes after weeks of student outrage since the University's announcement that they would be increasing the price of their meal plans, which are mandatory for all students living on campus.

The action saw organizers wearing masks and plastic gloves, handing out pre-packaged foods such as bread, granola bars, canned goods, chips and water — all of which were donated by faculty and students and given away for free.

Many participants held signs with slogans such as "Feed the People," "The herd is starving," and "Food is a basic human right." Oftentimes group members broke out in chant, among the most popular being "\$1,400 a day is not okay" and "1, 2, 3, 4, Bucknell needs to feed us more."

"This is basically an homage to what was happening in the 1930s during the Great Depression, and how people who were going hungry and were poor

would quite literally stand in breadlines in order to get what they wanted from the government," Kaitlyn Ferentini '21 said on the choice to create a breadline. "I'm out here because I love Bucknell and I want to make Bucknell better."

"We're here because two weeks before the start of the semester, the University told us that they were taking the cheapest meal plan and doubling it, with no chance to opt-out and only offering folks one

meal a day with it. We think this is outrageous, especially in the middle of a pandemic," Mary Collier '21, an organizer for GNDL, said. "We thought that this direct action would be great because it was a way to feed the people and do mutual aid work while at the same time causing some disruption and awareness right where the administrators can see us."

Along with food, organizers handed out the second issue of "Bedtime Radicalism." STORY CONTINUES ON A3

### Constitution Day lecture: "The Unfinished Business of the 19th Amendment"

Maddie Margioni  
Staff Writer

On Monday, Sept. 21, the University's political science and legal studies departments co-hosted a Zoom webinar in honor of Constitution Day. Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania Dawn Teele presented a talk entitled "The Unfinished Business of the 19th Amendment," which coincided with the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Teele specializes in female representation in American politics, as well as voting reform. She began by discussing the history behind the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which declared it unconstitutional to disenfranchise voters "on the basis of sex." The

United States was a part of the "First Wave" in enfranchising women in 1920, and globally the most common time period for female suffrage was the 1950s-60s, coinciding with the spread of international democratization after World War II.

Teele also explained how the U.S. federal system determined where women were and were not enfranchised. For example, she described how prior to 1920, women actually were able to vote in many Western states, as expansion there meant that there was higher competition and the kind of "entrepreneurial thinking" which led to enfranchising new voters, as Teele said.

Teele then moved onto discussing the legacy of the

STORY CONTINUES ON A2

## Love, Mom & Dad: Turning tragedy into progress

Sarah Haber  
News Editor

On Sunday, Sep. 20, the Anti-Hazing Coalition (AHC) hosted "Love, Mom & Dad: Turning tragedy into progress," a nationwide presentation streamed over Zoom to kick off National Hazing Prevention Week. Members of Greek organizations were encouraged to attend the presentation and, following the discussion, to educate themselves on the dangers of hazing and take action to end such behavior on college campuses.

The AHC is a collaboration between the North American Interfraternity Conference, the National Panhellenic Conference and families of hazing victims. The mission of the AHC is to eradicate hazing rituals through state-level efforts, which includes strengthening penalties for hazing, educational outreach and advocacy to create long-lasting cultural change on college campuses. As part of AHC, the parents of hazing victims travel across the United States and speak to thousands of students, fellow parents and university faculty about the dangers of hazing.

Five families participated in the presentation, all of whom have lost a son because of fraternity hazing. They each dis-

cussed the hazing incident that their son was forced into, and then expressed how the loss of their child has weighed on them and completely changed their lives. The parents that spoke included Deb Debrick, Steve and Rae Ann Gruver, Li-anne Kowak, Jim and Evelyn Piazza and Kathleen Wiant.

"I think it is incredibly important to both educate and remind students about the dangers of hazing. No parent should have to speak on their child's passing so we need to be advocates for change and bring awareness to hazing in order to prevent other tragedies from occurring," Olivia Garvey '21 said.

Parents Jim and Evelyn Piazza spoke about the death of their son, Tim, during his sophomore year at Penn State University. Tim Piazza died after a hazing ritual where he was forced to drink at least 18 drinks in the span of an hour and a half. He sustained severe injuries after falling down a flight of stairs. His peers left him alone for 12 hours, causing his injuries to become life-threatening.

Since Tim Piazza's death, the Piazas have been working to stop hazing completely. They were a critical part of strengthening Pennsylvania hazing laws with The Timothy J. Piazza Anti Hazing Law (Senate Bill 1090), which addresses prevention, en-

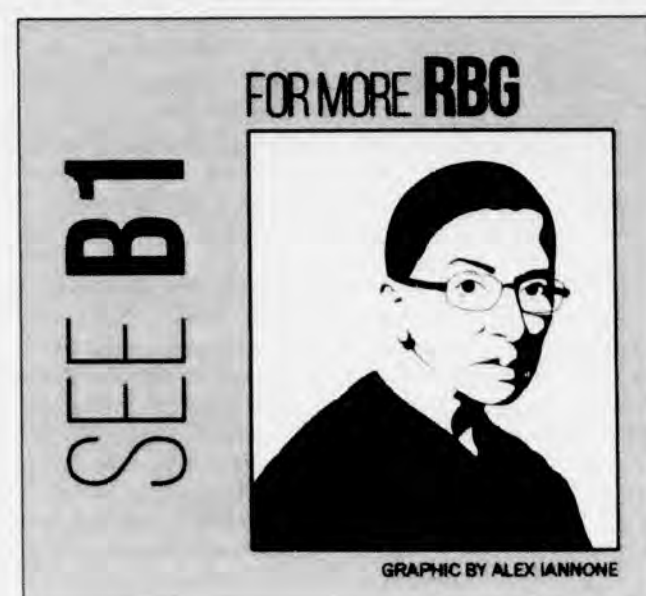
forcement and transparency and is designed to prevent hazing-related deaths like Tim Piazza's.

"The presence of anti-hazing laws still is not enough to stop hazing from occurring on college campuses across the country. The families who spoke at this event have made it their mission to educate others on the effects hazing has on everyone, not just those it harms directly. In my opinion, it was a very eye-opening presentation," Renee Shahnazarian '22 said.

While many colleges have taken steps to end hazing on campus, education about hazing still remains a critical and pressing issue. Presentations and discussions like "Love, Mom & Dad: Turning tragedy into progress" allow both participants in Greek life and non-participants to see first hand the devastating effect hazing can have on the victims, their families and the college community in general.

"It was a very grounding experience that I believe should be expanded to not just Greek organizations but be made available to all students on campus," Renee Veneco '22 said.

"The talk was a very eye-opening experience on the harsh reality of hazing and truly showed the steps that must be taken not only at Bucknell, but nationally to end hazing," Andrew Doume '22 said.





## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Sarah Haber  
News Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

Chinese President Xi Jinping announced in a speech on Tuesday, Sept. 22 to the U.N. General Assembly that China will aim to stop pumping additional carbon dioxide, the main global warming gas, into the atmosphere by 2060. China currently is the top emitter of greenhouse gas emissions and the goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060 has been praised by climate campaigners.

Paris police evacuated the Eiffel Tower and blockaded the surrounding area on Wednesday after receiving a phone-in bomb threat. All tourists were immediately evacuated after the anonymous caller said that a bomb was placed inside the tower. The police found no signs of a bomb and are currently investigating the identity of the anonymous caller.

## DOMESTIC

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died on Friday, Sept. 18 at age 87 due to complications from metastatic cancer. She was the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court after being appointed in 1993 by former President Bill Clinton. Her death has sparked a political battle over who will fill her now-vacant seat on the Supreme Court as Election Day approaches quickly.

Access to downtown Louisville, Ky. is being restricted ahead of the grand jury's upcoming decision on the fatal police shooting of Breonna Taylor. The Louisville police have set up vehicle blockades since the Interim Police Chief Robert Schroeder said that the police do not know when they will receive the announcement that the decision has been made. The city has been put under a state of emergency.

Saturday night movies  
on the Quad:  
"Keeping It Reel"Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

On Sept. 19, the film "Selma" (2015) was featured as the fourth installment of the "Keeping It Reel" movies on the quad series hosted by the Campus Activities and Programming (CAP) Center. All students are welcome to these screenings, which occur every Saturday evening, and are encouraged to bring their newly provided University lawn chair. The films are projected onto a large blown-up screen at the front of the Malesardi quadrangle, and they are accompanied by various small fire-pits scattered around for s'mores.

"Keeping it Reel" is "a

direct result of [the CAP center] having to be creative with the new COVID guidelines," Assistant Director of Campus Activities and Programs Molly Burkholder said. "We wanted to offer students an opportunity to connect with their peers in a safe way. So far, it has been a hit and we are excited to continue with this series!"

With ample room on the quad, this movie series provides a great way for students to get together with friends and peers to connect and have fun on the weekends, despite the COVID-related restrictions on the social scene on campus. Students can come in small, masked groups and make use of the Adirondack chairs or

bring their own chairs and/or blankets to view the films.

Each Saturday, the selected film is shown at 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. With the first installment taking place on Aug. 29, "Keeping It Reel" has included "Despicable Me" (2010), a double feature of "Shrek 1" (2001) and "Shrek 2" (2004), "Black Panther" (2018) and finally "Selma" (2015). Burkholder shared that the "movies are selected based on student input. 'Selma' in particular was shown in collaboration with our International Student Services."

"Selma" was an incredibly important film to project Saturday night, as it set the context for the current state of our country today,

and I hope that Bucknell will continue to center films such as 'Selma,' not just this semester but going forward," Matilda Melkonian '22 said.

"Though I was chilly, watching 'Selma' on the quad was a pleasant break after a long week, and a good way to continue to motivate the spirit of racial justice on our campus," Kate Bixby '22 said.

The last installment of the "Keeping It Reel" series will show "Ratatouille" (2007) take place this Saturday, Sept. 26, at 8:30 p.m. or 10 p.m. on Malesardi Quad. Additionally, check out the CAP Center website and Instagram to learn about all the other on-campus events this fall semester.

## CONSTITUTION DAY

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19th Amendment, and how female voting patterns and political representation have differed in the United States versus other countries. Female voter participation took longer to get off the ground in the United States than other countries, and fewer than 50% of women voted in the elections directly following the 1920 ratification. Today, while women are the largest group of voters in the electorate as a whole, the U.S. remains only 75th globally for female representation in government.

As for why this is the case, Teele remarked that "the institutions in the United States prevent more equal representation of women." The two main issues she highlighted were the winner-take-all electoral system in place and the lack of electoral quotas in the U.S. The winner-take-all system means that only the people with the majority of the votes enter government and that only two parties exist in the U.S. Teele advocated for "total restructuring" of the electoral system, and suggested proportional representation, which is more the norm in Europe, and which would allow for a multi-party system. She also mentioned that electoral quotas on women and minorities in government would allow more equal representation.

Teale ended her talk by saying that the 19th Amendment "is really just the beginning of the story." Her three recommendations for increasing equal representation of women included changing representational rules to allow for more ideological and geographic diversity, as well as decreasing polarization, working to secure voting rights for all through longer polling hours, more polls in urban areas, and easier voting by mail, and finally implementing policies to allow women to flourish in the home and the economy.

Teale urged attendees "to use the [COVID-19] disaster to work towards the change that constitutes the change that the suffragettes had in mind."

Associate Political Science Professor Christina Xydias said that she "was especially grateful for insights into how the effects of constitutional amendments play out in their institutional and social contexts. It is so important to emphasize that the 19th amendment ended restrictions on voting on the basis of sex — but not on the basis of race-ethnicity, for example."

Teale has a book out on female enfranchisement entitled "Forging the Franchise: The Political Origins of the Women's Votes."

Upcoming  
Campus  
EventsSarah Haber  
News Editor

Saturday 9/26

KeepingitReel  
"Ratatouille" will be shown from 8:30-10:30 p.m. @ Malesardi Quad. Enjoy your favorite throw-back movies this fall on the Quad. Every Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Yard Games & Snacks  
7-11 p.m. @ Uptown  
Join outside for corn hole, kan jam and spikeball.

Face Masks  
7-11 p.m. @ Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace  
Celebrate self-care by creating your very own face scrub and face masks.

Tuesday 9/29

Virtual Trivia  
8-9 p.m. via Zoom  
Join every Tuesday night for trivia. Zoom Meeting ID: 324 630 7063. Password: 965488

Wednesday 9/30

Goat Yoga  
6-7 p.m., 7-8 p.m. @ MacDonald Commons Lawn  
Attend Goat Yoga on the MacDonald Commons Lawn. There will be two classes — one at 6 p.m. and one at 7 p.m.

Thursday 10/1

Virtual Bingo  
8-9 p.m. via Zoom  
Join every Thursday for virtual bingo. <https://bucknell.zoom.us/j/98754141500> Meeting ID: 987 5414 1500

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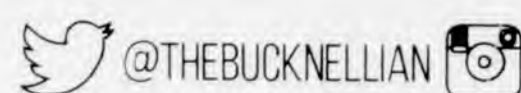
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## Behind the Scenes: Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace Events

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This semester, the Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace has introduced their Pop Up Programming series, in which they host various events per week for University students to get together and often take home their creations. Past events have included string art, DIY mini calendars, alcohol ink coasters, mini canvas painting, bullet journaling, firefly mason jars, and watercolor painting. Events are open to all students and run from 7-11 p.m., leaving a wide time window to best accommodate students' schedules. Additionally, these events take place at tables set up outside of the Makerspace, at the corner of Seventh St. and Walker St., so the activities adhere to COVID-19 guidelines and allow students to spend time outside while crafting.

On Friday, Sept. 18, the featured event was "Wooden Dorm Decor," where students could paint wooden signs and decor pieces for their dorm rooms. Upon scanning in with their BU ID, attendees could choose from four wooden designs—a mug cutout that read "hello fall," a pumpkin cutout that read "hello autumn," a "Bucknell" cutout in drippy letters, and a "Saturdays are for The Bison" sign—and were given individual paintstrips and paintbrushes.

Miranda Segrave '23, a student who works at the Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace, talked about her experience running the Wooden Dorm Decor Event and working at the studio. *What is it like to work at the Makerspace?*

To me, working at the Makerspace means having a common place to express my

creative freedom and help others express theirs, whether that is through using the 3D printers, painting something, or whatever else it may be. In my current role as Promotions Manager, I am in charge of planning the Pop Up Programming and, in general, I am a resource for students if they have questions or need help whenever I am in the studio.

*How did you find this job and why did you decide to take it?*

The summer before my freshman year I was browsing on the Bridge and saw the "Maker Assistant" position open. The job description seemed like a great opportunity to learn new skills and gain some experience working on campus.

*Who comes up with event ideas and what is the process behind planning them?*

Sabrina Shankar, the assistant director of Campus Activities and Programs, who mostly works with the Makerspace, plans most of the events in the space. The thought process behind them usually has to do with the season, who will be interested, current trends and mainly whatever will attract students to the space.

*How has COVID-19 impacted the Makerspace?*

Pop Up Programming is new this year because of COVID-19. We wanted to continue to attract students to the space even though our capacity inside is limited. Most of our programming thus far has been outside and we have "to-go" baggies with the event materials in case students want to complete the activity in their dorm room (or wherever they please).

*What was the purpose behind the Wooden Dorm Decor Event? How did it turn out?*

The wooden dorm decor

event went great. There was a great turnout and supplies ran out before our expected time of closing, which was 11 p.m. The purpose behind most of the events is to give students the opportunity to do something fun and interactive, with COVID-19 restricting much of the social scene on campus. The goal is to keep everyone safe while having fun!

*What has been your favorite event? What has been a popular event?*

My favorite event is the charcuterie board-making event. I love using resin just because of the design it makes and it's a super easy activity to follow along with. A popular event each year is DIY Night where we have multiple stations with canvas painting, t-shirt making, screenprinting, and many other activities.

Among the 150 students who attended, Maya Wadhwa '23 shared her thoughts: "My friends and I love the Makerspace events as they not only give us something to do on campus but also a way to meet new people and run into old friends. I found out about this event through their Instagram, which I religiously follow. I absolutely adore the Makerspace and appreciate all that they are doing to adapt to COVID-times," Wadhwa said.

Upcoming events at the Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace include mini air plant terrariums, Harry Potter wand making, DIY milkshakes, wax sealed letters, screen printing t-shirts and vinyl press beanies and another charcuterie board making. To stay updated, follow Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace on Instagram @7thstreetstudio\_makerspace.

## Creating Safe Publics: A Round Table Discussion

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On Sept. 22, a panel of eight members of the University community had an honest discussion over Zoom about policing on campus in a talk entitled "Creating Safe Publics: A Round Table Discussion." Four faculty members—Chief of Public Safety Steve Barilar, Officer Colbey Russell, Associate Dean Jeff Van Lone and Assistant Professor of Geography Vanessa Massaro—as well as four students—Dominic Lyles '22, Wilder Brice '22, Jasmine Minhas '22 and Jerra Holdip '23—were on the panel. The Associate Dean of Students responsible for Diversity and Inclusion, Denelle Brown, moderated the discussion.

The discussion was split into three parts: First, Dean Brown ran the conversation between the eight panelists. Next, the panelists asked each other questions about their experiences on campus. The panel ended with an open discussion between panelists and attendees.

Brown first asked the panelists, "What would a safe university look like for you, and how might that differ from the University today?" The panelists agreed that it is important that students feel accepted on campus with spaces for students to come together and understand one another and their different backgrounds. Lyles spoke about a BlackatBucknell, a student-run Instagram account where Black students share encounters with racism and prejudice on campus. Lyles said that this account shows that an overwhelming amount of students simply do not feel safe on campus.

Russell announced that he hopes to make students feel safe and comfortable reaching out to

him and knowing him. Massaro answered the question saying that the University should be a place where students are comfortable to have "the space to do the intellectual work of college."

The second question posed was, "Where do inequities surrounding feelings of safety stem from?" Holdip spoke about Greek life on campus. "The non-black Greek life system at the University is one that I feel like is not inclusive to me as a black woman on campus," Holdip said. Van Lone also spoke about Greek life, saying that he has seen many students at the University who are unhappy with the social effects of Greek life. Russell spoke about his understanding of the different interactions with police officers that students have had and how Public Safety must recognize and respect that.

The third and final question Dean Brown posed was, "Who is responsible for safety on campus? What does that currently look like and what is the aspiration?" Minhas answered by bringing up the current issue of food insecurity on campus. "It is the upper administration's responsibility to create a culture that is inclusive and not just in writing," Minhas said. Students on the panel agreed that there is a need for resources for students to reach out to.

Brice said that it is not just the responsibility of one person to create a sense of safety and inclusivity on campus, but that the University as a whole—students, professors and the resources offered—should be marshaled to this end. "We cannot make it the responsibility of those who do not feel safe to make it safe, it has to be those community members who already feel safe to bring them in," Holdip added.

During the second part of

the discussion, panelists engaged with each other in a round table discussion. Barilar was asked about what he has been doing to keep the campus safer, and he spoke of his work with Professor and Associate Provost of Equity and Inclusive Excellence Nikki Young on diversity training. The panelists, as well as two other faculty members, also discussed individual and group efforts of changing non-inclusive systems on campus.

The final part of the event was composed of open discussion and questions. Among the issues brought up were students not feeling safe on campus and steps that can be taken moving forward to make sure all students feel the same sense of security. People also exchanged books, documentaries and shows for educating on being anti-racist and understanding the problems people of color face today. Books including "How to be Anti-Racist" and "White Fragility" were recommended, as well as the Netflix shows and movies "When They See Us," "Dear White People" and "13th."

Both faculty and students of the University hope to continue to facilitate discussions such as "Creating Safe Publics: A Round Table Discussion" to ensure a place for students to voice their concerns with safety on campus. "Campus conversations about safety are important if we want to create a community in which all people can thrive and experience a sense of belonging," Young said. "Even more, discussions like the one tonight give people the opportunity to express feelings and stories related to the lack of safety, the absence of community, and the impact that those things have on their experiences at Bucknell."

## STUDENT PROTEST

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a zine created by a group of anonymous community members which highlights issues of racial and environmental injustice. Coordinators also distributed a pamphlet that included statistics on food insecurity, both nationally and at the University, complete with anonymous student testimonials.

While the headline was primarily organized by student activists, many faculty members assisted in the planning of the action and even donated food. "People have the right to eat. With COVID-19 there are new challenges to providing food on campus, but food insecurity at Bucknell is unfortunately not a new problem. The University administration has a responsibility to make sure that our students are not hungry, and I would like to see them listen to these students and act immediately to address this problem," Associate Professor of Anthropology Clare Sammelis said. "How can we claim to 'educate our students to serve the common good and to promote justice' (Bucknell's mission statement) if we can't even feed them?"

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Sciences Andrew Stuhl, who also assisted in coordinating the headline, echoed this sentiment. "We are witnessing unprecedented food insecurity in the midst of a pandemic. According to the recent survey on student hunger from the Biology Department, more than 60% of student respondents report not having enough food, every day. That is heartbreaking," Stuhl said. "What's more upsetting, though, is that University administrators have known about this issue. They have heard student testimonials about famines, malnutrition, and skipping meals. Yet they have not taken action to make this campus food secure today."

In the early morning hours of Sept. 22—the same day the protest was to take place—University President John Bravman announced the creation of a Food and Nutrition Task Force composed of

students, faculty and members of the administration.

This group will guide improvements to normal (non-pandemic) operations of dining services moving forward. Mike Ferlazzo, director of media relations for the University, said, "Effective immediately, the new Food Insecurity Relief Fund will support programs and students who are experiencing food insecurity by providing resources such as items for the B-Eats food pantry." The University encourages students to visit the B-Eats pantry in the Elaine Langone Center if necessary or to reach out to the Office of Financial Aid if they are struggling with any financial hardships.

While Stuhl appreciates the concession, he feels that such a response is not as immediate as is needed given the severity of the situation. "That's a welcome step for long-term planning and it should absolutely go forward. Yet, the Task Force's charge explicitly states it focuses only on non-pandemic times. And recommendations won't be ready until February. We need solutions right now. Actually, we needed them a month ago. That's why I support a direct action like a headline—directly feeding the people who need food to stay healthy, learn, and thrive," Stuhl said.

Students who attended the headline, such as Bethany Johnson '21, felt similarly about the administration's response. "[The administration] announced that they were creating a task force this morning even though it's week six of us being on campus. This task force does not have any real goals to be set until February 2021, which is past the start of the spring semester, which means that they don't even have plans to fix food insecurity or the quality of food on campus right now," Johnson said. "This headline is amazing. It's a great way to protest and raise our voices, and show that we're not going to be silenced and that the task force is not enough."

In addition to advocating

for changes to the meal plan, the headline action highlighted other existing solutions for the University to put in place, such as Swipe Out Hunger and Operation HUNGER.

Swipe Out Hunger is a non-profit organization that partners with students at colleges and universities across the country to alleviate food insecurity. Students have been advocating for a program similar to the Swipe Drive model, wherein the University would create a fund of unused meal swipes and dining dollars for others to withdraw and use if needed. On Sept. 23, Provost Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak announced that the University would be holding a meeting to begin the process of implementing Swipe Out Hunger.

A group of students and staff coordinated by Professor of Education Sue Ellen Henry has also created the Helping Under-Grads Eat Regularly initiative (Operation HUNGER), which has focused on creating a GoFundMe whose donations will be used toward purchasing grocery store gift cards from Weis or Giant for students facing food insecurity. Since its creation early last week, Operation HUNGER has raised over \$8,000 to redistribute to students; those who are seeking gift cards can fill out a registration form and request a specific store, dollar amount and frequency with which they may need to receive the cards.

"The first reason we created Operation HUNGER was because the University did not have a response to the issue of food insecurity, and people were going unheard. We wanted to do some form of initiative to support students backed by students, with faculty to guide the process," Julian Ricketson '21 said, a member of the newly founded Food and Nutrition Task Force and one of the students behind Operation HUNGER. "It's time for us to see an initiative that actually works instead of one that just puts a band-aid on the problem."

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## Hot take: dog people are weird



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The leaves are beginning to fall and the weather is finally cooling off as campus transitions from summer to autumn. Everyone is losing their minds.

It is officially the sixth week of on-campus classes, and students, faculty and staff at the University are still adjusting to the new normal due to coronavirus restrictions. Everything is different, and six weeks have not given any indication that people are getting used to it.

One of the biggest changes that can be observed, every Monday night near the Bertrand Library, is a small group of students, usually crying. They sit down and stand around in a little circle and just cry. Obviously, I was caught off-guard when I first observed them and have since begun to avoid them out of respect (but not before I found out what was going on).

The absence of the therapy dogs that visited the library every Monday night last year has negatively impacted several students, hence the crying and routine gathering near the usual spot the dogs could be found. It reminds me of a vigil without candles.

"It's just so hard to come back to school where everything is different and some classes are online and the food is absolutely horrific, like even worse than last year, and not be able to see my

dogs or pet the therapy ones," Bern Ard '22 said. "I guess I just miss my routine break on Monday nights and I miss the awesome dogs we used to get to see. I feel like I really bonded with some of them."

This very wholesome quote from Ard demonstrates the complexity and severity of the issue of missing therapy dogs this year. Due to changes in our daily lives as a result of the pandemic, the therapy dogs were deemed too dangerous to continue because of the spread of germs.

However, this change has other implications, such as decreasing the amount of healthy coping mechanisms for stress some students have access to, a response that likely wasn't anticipated at all.

"Yo, I just really miss the dogs. Okay? I'm not gonna cry over it, but I definitely miss the poodle named Fancy that would come by here a lot," Russell Jack '21 said as he began to cry. "I'm not sure why this is happening right now since I never cry, but all I know is that Fancy always wanted the best for me and I miss her. We had so many good times together."

Hopefully the dogs will make a comeback soon, but even if not, the group of students who regularly are seen crying outside of the library has made a sign-up sheet that is hanging in the library. They want to know if anyone has a dog and would like to let them pet it. I'd also like to pet your dog, if you have one.

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Satire Co-Editor

This semester, self-care is more essential than ever before. University students have provided reporters with exclusive insight into how they are tackling this.

Rachel Relax '23 considers herself an expert at curating a healthy environment for herself, especially since she began self-isolating. When asked about her routine, Relax informed reporters, "Whenever I'm not feeling myself and need a little emotional boost, I

like to draw myself a bath to blow off some steam. Of course, some actual steam is involved in order to boil any airborne illnesses from my body, but the 212-degree water is a perfect way to unwind before bed."

While Relax's approach is quite practical, Vanessa Vain '22 makes herself feel good by looking good, even when she is in quarantine. "I love to dress up, even when no one else is around," Vain said. "I want to look good for myself, so I went ahead and bought a \$70 pair of tie-dye sweatpants from a girl

on Instagram. I think it gives me a boost of confidence on my Zoom calls, even if no one can see me."

Local convenience stores have also seen an increase in business as self-care products are flying off the shelves. The manager of the local CVS has reported a huge spike in sales of their \$0.99 face masks, which also resulted in a higher demand for skincare products a few days later. For legal reasons, it is notable that corporate offices have denied any connection between these two trends.

Zach Zen '21 is not to

be fooled by the allure of retail therapy that has led to failure for many students, and instead participates in self-care by connecting with nature. Zen enjoys going for long walks to clear his mind, although he should remember that he will be sent home if the tracking device the University implanted upon his arrival indicated he has stepped foot off campus.

Even though self-care proves to be a challenge for some, these students seem to be coping with their new reality in the healthiest and most productive ways possible.

## University takes note of Lewisburg penitentiary culture

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New travel restrictions have been put in place by the University in light of students partaking in dangerous activities that put the health of the community at risk, like getting groceries and going for walks. This, of course, still allows students to congregate in large groups on campus, but under the watchful eye of University Public Safety. Following the University's newly implemented strict travel regulations, students are already clamoring to figure out ways to skirt around the policy.

Seth Sneaky '24, already up-taking rebellious habits in his first few months of college, has foiled the University's plan to track him by leaving his phone at home. After discovering a brief mention of a new University policy that will track students through their cell phones, a message that is conveniently hidden within a 75-page packet on campus protocols, Sneaky has purchased a supply of 200 burner phones. Thankfully for the University, Tracfone just became their top donor.

Hannah Hidden '22 took it a step further and decided to

disguise herself whenever she goes to get groceries. "You just never know if you're going to run into someone you know and then — BAM! — the dean kicks you off campus, just like that," she said. Hidden likes to hide behind a pair of glasses and ponytail, going for the classic girl-next-door-who-doesn't-know-she's-attractive look.

While Sneaky and Hidden are careful about concealing their whereabouts, Colleen Careless '23 has thrown caution to the wind, which ultimately led to her downfall. Careless assumed the University was bluffing with their new protocol, but when she was caught at a Whole Foods three miles off-campus, campus officials made her wish she had gotten cafeteria food instead. Careless was detained the afternoon of Sept. 21 and has not been seen since, but it has been rumored the University placed her in an administrative segregation unit for what officials have said will be an "eight-day quarantine."

In order to prevent others from bringing a virus onto campus, the University has also installed watchtowers, increased campus patrol and a mail screening system that thoroughly examines all parcels before giving them to the residents.

## Read this if you're sick of your roommate: making friends on campus



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Making friends is something that college students are almost always worried about when they show up as first-years. It's scary to leave home and come to a place where you know only a couple of people if you're lucky (unless you're from Westchester, Greenwich or Northern Jersey — then you know everyone).

But for the rest of us, making friends during the first year is hard and intimidating. By sophomore year, this feeling begins to wear off, but meeting new people is something that a lot of students like to do, and why should they stop just because of the pandemic?

Here are some ideas I have for ways to make new friends.

Respond to someone's message in the Zoom group chat. "This really cute girl answered my class discussion question in the chat after I posted a graph of wind speed versus snow cover. She said my graph was 'insightful'! I think I might ask her to my date party," Ryan Stat '23 said.

Ask people to study together or get coffee together,

especially if you're in a group project with them.

"This guy asked me to get coffee but I can't tell if he means as an actual outing, like a date, or if he just wants me to do the entire group project and thinks buying me coffee will cover it," Izzy English '22 said.

Socially distanced quad sits! "I went to go do homework with my sorority sister, but we had to scream at each other from across the quad because we wanted to be extra safe and I couldn't understand what she was saying," Ella Econ '21 said.

Go to the caf together. "I literally could not look at the food on my plate because it was so unappealing, and the whole dinner vibe was off because it did not remind me of dinner as much as it reminded me of mud. We were eating rice and beans," William Chem '24 said.

Just struggle like the rest of us. "I have been trying so hard to meet new people but I always end up just hanging out with my roommate. It's like we're in isolation anyways, even though we're not. I hope this ends soon. I'd like to see someone that isn't my roommate and zoom is the closest I can get," Jack German '22 said.

## Why I write articles instead of making podcasts

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Since the majority of University students don't have much to do except eat and do homework during the day, many have begun podcasting to entertain themselves. These brave, fashionable, hip "podcasters" entertain us by providing opinions on mundane topics that have a severe lack of likeability and tastes as cold as University lunches. Now, the podcast world is a complex one, and its explosion was helped in part by the state-wide quarantine. You need sound editors, proper microphone equipment and, above all else, a plan. University students have a microphone, a few friends and an opinion.

The first student-run podcast is an audiobook-

based one where, once a week, a student volunteer reads a book. The readings can vary, though. Sometimes books are completed in a single sitting ("The Cat in the Hat," "Baby's First Book," and one masochist's read-through of "Gravity's Rainbow"), and longer, denser works are usually read in segments ("War and Peace," "Green Eggs and Ham," and "The String Representation of Standard Attribute Syntaxes"). This just happens to be one of the more popular podcasts on campus so far, so I'll only type out the last few words of this week's latest upload, "Moby Dick."

—Wait, should I have to read this out loud? Well anyways, we hope you enjoyed

reading alongside us with Herman Melville's "Moby Dick!"

Other podcasts include "Opinions with Anthony," which features Anthony and his various opinions on multiple things, such as gardens, doorstops, the letter "E," font-size 96 and much, much more. I got to take a listen to the newest podcast excerpt a week ahead of time. Anthony himself sent this one to me, and this was what he had to say.

"Y'know what I don't like? Satirists. Those self-righteous, smug, unassertive halfwits think they know everything, but you know what? They can go—"

Next thing I knew, the audio file mysteriously vanished from my computer, never to be heard or seen again. My lawyers are ready.

Podcasts are an important part of keeping everybody entertained while they're doing homework, walking to class, drinking, playing ultimate frisbee or taking a test. They provide access to knowledge that would make neat conversation topics if there's honestly nothing else to talk about at dinner. You can also bring it up to a person you want to entertain, but you can't use it to impress them because University podcasts aren't particularly innovative — they only spread loud opinions that other people think are new and true and completely without a counterpoint altogether. Nevertheless, that was just a taste of the students' latest projects in the midst of school under COVID-martial law.



# A Virtual Friend: The Writing Center

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Six weeks into the Fall 2020 semester, students are beginning to enter a routine of assignments and exams, papers and labs. As this can be stressful for students of any class year, the University has made a variety of resource centers available to help in the process. One of these resources is the Writing Center, which offers individualized support sessions for students as well as faculty members

who need assistance in all areas of the writing process. Whether it be brainstorming, grammar revisions, editing advice or a read from another set of eyes, the Writing Center is available and eager to help.

Comprised of students and faculty in various departments, the team of consultants has the main goal of helping other peers and faculty develop and clarify their pieces of writing. "When a writer comes in, we really form their sessions around whatever they need and whatever they want to get out

of it," student consultant Carrie Baekstrom '21 said.

"Some students were surprised to learn that they do not need a draft in order to meet with a peer writing consultant," faculty Writing and Teaching Consultant Peg Cronin said. "They can just share their assignment and brainstorm ideas, maybe even pause to do some writing during the session and then revise that with the consultant."

As both Baekstrom and Cronin explained, the Writing Center's duty is to aid students

and faculty in whatever way suits them best. Thus, in addition to individual sessions, the Writing Center offers multiple writing workshops throughout the year. These workshops exist with the intent of helping students and faculty focus on their writing in one specific field, such as pieces for graduate school, resumes or beyond. In these settings, multiple students work together with writing consultants, providing a different and more collaborative feel to the process.

## The Writing Center and COVID

As with many things on campus this year, the Writing Center has slightly changed to allow for writing guidance in a safe, healthy way. All Writing Center sessions are being held remotely over Zoom, with the maximum time of one session being one hour. Despite this time limit, a student can have as many sessions as desired on one single piece.

Cronin highlights this as she explained how many students at the University use the Writing Center as a reminder of sorts. "Some students use appointments as a kind of time manage-

ment insurance," she said. "Some students who are undertaking longer projects — such as an honors proposal, a senior thesis or a senior design project in engineering — come in weekly or every other week to get feedback and to stay on track by using the appointments as mini-deadlines."

At this time, there are two modes of booking an appointment: the first is to call the Writing Center at (570) 577-3141 (Note - This number is only available during active office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12

p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.), while the second avenue to book an appointment is through the link provided on the Writing Center page on the University's website. This link will take you to a webpage where you will be prompted to select either a time slot with a writing consultant or a Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) tutor on TutorTrac. TLC tutors are only available in a limited number of courses, and their time and availability differ from that of Peer Writing Consultants. More information on TLC tutors is available on the Uni-

versity's website under the tutoring section.

When your preferred session slot is selected, you will then be asked to submit an ideal time for your appointment. If available, this session will be reserved and your session will be booked. Appointments are open afternoons from Monday through Friday and evenings from Sunday through Thursday. To accommodate the necessary changes due to COVID-19, the Writing Center has extended their available sessions to include Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening as well.

## What You Can Bring

The Writing Center is designed to be at the students' and faculties' disposal for any number of writing projects. The list of possible items to bring ranges from term pa-

pers to minor assignments, creative writing to research-based pieces, resumes to applications and everything in-between. "We've seen a number of students working

on internship applications, resumes and cover letters, honors thesis proposals, and personal statements and essays for grad school, law school or medical school," Cronin said.

Additionally, the Writing Center isn't just for assigned work. Consultants are available to help with any personal projects or individual pieces as well.

## Feedback So Far

Already six weeks into the fall term, many students and faculty alike have utilized the Writing Center this semester, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I've heard from a few professors already this se-

mester who say that students who have chosen to meet with someone in the Writing Center have really benefited from their sessions," Cronin said.

Baekstrom echoed this sentiment, explaining that this success could, in part, be

due to the wide array of backgrounds the Peer Writing Consultants come from. "We have students from every grade, every major, grad students, even faculty using the Writing Center," Baekstrom said. "It's a really heavily used tool

throughout campus."

As assignments continue to pile up, consider booking an appointment with a Writing Center consultant in order to alleviate some stress and improve the overall quality and experience of your piece.



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## Another tragedy of COVID-19: the politicization of science



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The American public has always had a testy history with scientific inquiry, and as with many other exogenous geopolitical and natural pressures, COVID-19 has only served to exacerbate many of our country's lingering social, economic and political problems. In April of this year, I wrote a piece in The Bucknellian about how social media platforms knowingly benefit from the spread of misinformation regarding the COVID-19 crisis. Much has changed since then and, unsurprisingly, the public's perception of science, in general, has been another casualty of the pandemic.

The first blow to the public's trust in science is that no clear, apolitical figurehead emerged to direct the nation's response to the crisis. National Institute of Health Director Dr. Anthony Fauci was an obvious candidate to lead us through this cataclysm, but conflicting information repeatedly reported by President Trump, Vice President Pence and other doctors served to divide our understanding of the virus along stark political lines. The media latched onto this, and we saw the public gleaming their information from "competing" sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), President Trump, Fauci, their governors and so on. An early September poll from the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation showed that only about two-thirds of adults trust Fauci and the CDC at least a "fair amount" for COVID-19 information. This compares with 51% for Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and 40% for Trump.

While a supermajority is surely impressive, no one has gained the overwhelming support necessary to firmly unify the nation in the fight against

this pandemic. As a result, the lack of authoritative sources espousing reliable information still allows almost 25% of Americans to falsely believe that hydroxychloroquine is an effective treatment for COVID-19, and 20% to falsely believe that wearing a face mask is "harmful to your health."

Another part of this decline in trust can be attributed to the "switch" on the stance on mask-wearing. In March and April, many were concerned about healthcare workers not having the disposable, surgical cloth face masks that they need to properly treat COVID-19 patients. In the midst of the general public purchasing disposable masks in large quantities (as well as toilet paper), government officials advised the public not to purchase them. The flip-flop, as many Americans feel, came when governors and the federal government later said that cloth face masks are necessary. This is not only due to the alleviation of shortage concerns, but also the increased understanding that the virus is primarily transmitted through talking, singing, and shouting, as opposed to contaminated surfaces.

This guidance on masks is not a change, instead of a more accurate understanding due to new information. Such is the nature of science: the model that we work within human terms is often only a vaguely true representation of the real world. Our current research indicates that masks are safe and effective. Many who oppose the wearing of masks, or are suspicious of the "switch," are either not aware of or cast doubt on at least one of these facts.

Another factor that's seedling public mistrust of science is talks for vaccine creation on an unprecedented timescale. The entire genome of 2019-nCoV was not sequenced until January of this year, and top-level government officials have publicly bickered about the availability of

vaccines. Putting aside just how unhelpful that public discord is, as a result, 61% of Americans are at least "somewhat worried" that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (who oversees U.S. vaccines) will rush to develop a vaccine due to "political pressure." Interestingly, Republicans, who believe that the FDA is less likely to be pressured than Democrats, are also significantly less likely than Democrats to get that vaccine if it is free and available on election day.

It almost seems that the pro-science camp is perfectly politically opposed to the more suspicious "don't wear a mask / drink the Kool-Aid" camp. This near-universal political polarization of the virus is something that seems to be unique to America, and amid the election year, it's unfortunately not a surprise.

To most Americans, it's a tautology to say that all politicians lie, just as to say all bachelors are unmarried or all triangles have three sides. And, when over 85% of Republicans and Democrats each trust their respective presidential nominees more than Fauci or the CDC for COVID-19 related information, it's obvious to see what engenders public mistrust.

We must trust science through this crisis. While it is messy, while it can seem back and forth, it is our primary (and arguably, only) weapon against this disease that has taken 200,000 American lives. Our lawmakers need to say that they trust Fauci and the CDC, while still giving them the proper checks to ensure that they are doing their job accurately. We need to properly dispel rumors and conspiracy theories so that Americans are informed and can speak intelligently on this crisis. All of these things are necessary so that we can focus on getting America healthy and reopened, as soon as safely possible.

## Big Ten sports are back

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Last week, it was announced that Big Ten football will officially begin the weekend of Oct. 22 after a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In August, the Big Ten was one of many college leagues that postponed their season, setting a precedent for many other schools to follow suit. They decided that the health and safety of their players was more important than the season, but now due to low revenue and other teams participating, they have reversed their decision. Is this what the players truly want? If so, is the danger worth the money and potential fame?

Some of the Big Ten's financial concerns are, admittedly, understandable. The chief producer of revenue for college football is ticket sales, a sold-out stadium during a big game can bring in massive amounts of revenue for a school. This year, Big Ten football faces a massive revenue decline already, but with no season at all, more fiscal problems are bound to occur. This is the driving factor for

the league president's decision to resume the season. Each team will attempt to play eight games in only eight weeks. All games should be complete in time for the College Playoff selection date on Dec. 20. The problem with only eight games, however, is the threat of cancellations and postponements due to viral outbreaks.

In August, Big Ten commissioner Kevin Warren organized a "return to competition" task force, which was tasked with conducting daily rapid testing to monitor the players' health. The results of these tests must be recorded before each practice or game. Despite the good intentions of this task force, daily testing may leave difficulties unaddressed within the team. If one member tests positive, for instance, he must wait 21 days before returning to competition, however, that player would have been in contact with the rest of his team, leading to even more athletes sitting out and, eventually, the ultimate cancellation of these games.

Nevertheless, most of these athletes do want a full season, especially seniors and potential NFL prospects. Most are willing to put their health on the

line, but it may not be worth it. Health care professionals have no understanding of the long-term effects of COVID-19. It leads to different heart conditions that could someday end an athlete's career if infected with it while competing. The effects of this virus are unknown and can lead to greater conditions later in life.

The Big Ten is not the only group making decisions like this due to financial troubles. Many companies and businesses return to work in hopes of a push toward normalcy. U.S. President Donald Trump has expressed his support in the Big Ten's decision and wishes them the best of luck. In a larger sense, Trump — along with the lion's share of corporate America — is pushing for an end to the pandemic lockdowns and a return to regular economic activity. There is a great chance that all these attempts will fail and further immerse the United States. If we push too hard against the virus, there can be a second wave and it may last longer than expected. Hopefully, Big Ten's efforts, along with the rest of America's will not fail and will prompt a push in a better direction.

## RBG: An American trailblazer



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On Friday, Sept. 18, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away at the age of 87. Justice Ginsburg paved the way towards gender equality, leaving an indelible mark on the world we live in today. Ginsburg cannot be described as anything short of an icon to many generations. She led by example, overcoming her struggles while helping others to do the same and facing endless backlash and taunts from which she did not back down.

While many see Ginsburg as a leader and a powerful progressive force on the Supreme Court, many are also completely unaware of how she earned her seat on the bench. I have found that the strongest force in her life was family. Ginsburg's parents valued education and instilled in her the drive to do well and to achieve her goals, regardless of the limits others imposed on her on account of her gender. Ginsburg shared that her "mother taught [her] to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your person, be independent." And Ginsburg was a lady. She never allowed her emotions to overtake her in court, rather using

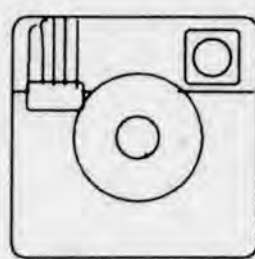
taunts and criticism as a basis to teach instead of screaming or arguing. She explains in an interview in the 2018 documentary, "RBG" that she saw herself as a kindergarten teacher in court, successfully challenging the norms and beliefs of most people in the room on gender roles, abortion rights, race-based voter discrimination, LGBTQ+ rights and more. Her husband was also a critical player in her life and when he was ill during her time at Harvard Law School, she was able to do her work, help him with his work and care for both him and their child, sacrificing sleep for her goals and her family. And while her husband was very vocal about her skills, talents and abilities when she was more shy and humble, those precise skills, talents and abilities are what got her to be an Associate Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Many are displeased that the current president is rushing to nominate someone to fill Ginsburg's seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, especially considering it was one of her last wishes for a nomination to wait until after the 2020 Presidential election. The 2018 "RBG" documentary explained that she was not a justice who took a po-

litical stance in and out of the courtroom without regard to other perspectives. Ginsburg sought common ground and was willing to compromise, working together rather than against justices with opposing views. Ginsburg herself explained that one should "fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." Thus, rushing to fill a seat that Ginsburg filled for so long and so well is not in the best interests of our nation. A candidate that has the legal skills, experience, drive and passion anywhere close to her could not be found in a year, no less a week.

I have learned in my courses this semester that death is not where life ends. Ginsburg's legacy can and will live on as long as we as the United States and beyond enforce and fight for what she has spent her whole life fighting for, regardless of our gender identity or political alignment. Ginsburg believed that "real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time." Her leaps towards gender and racial equality through the court have given us a starting point, not an endpoint, and we have to use the rights and determination that she has given us to keep pushing forward.

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## California wildfires sweep the country



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Over the course of the last two weeks, wildfires have been blazing across the states of California and Oregon. While wildfires are an annual September occurrence, this year's fires have set a new record for the destruction they have caused.

Millions of acres of land have been destroyed in both California and Oregon since the fires have started at the beginning of this month. Reporters and firefighters claim that this is the most damage that has been seen in the last 18 years. The smoke has spread from the West Coast to the East Coast, leaving 25 casualties in its wake.

The outbreak of the fires has been attributed to a mixture of extreme temperatures, unusually dry air, and strong wind. Many also believe that global warming has contributed to the severity of

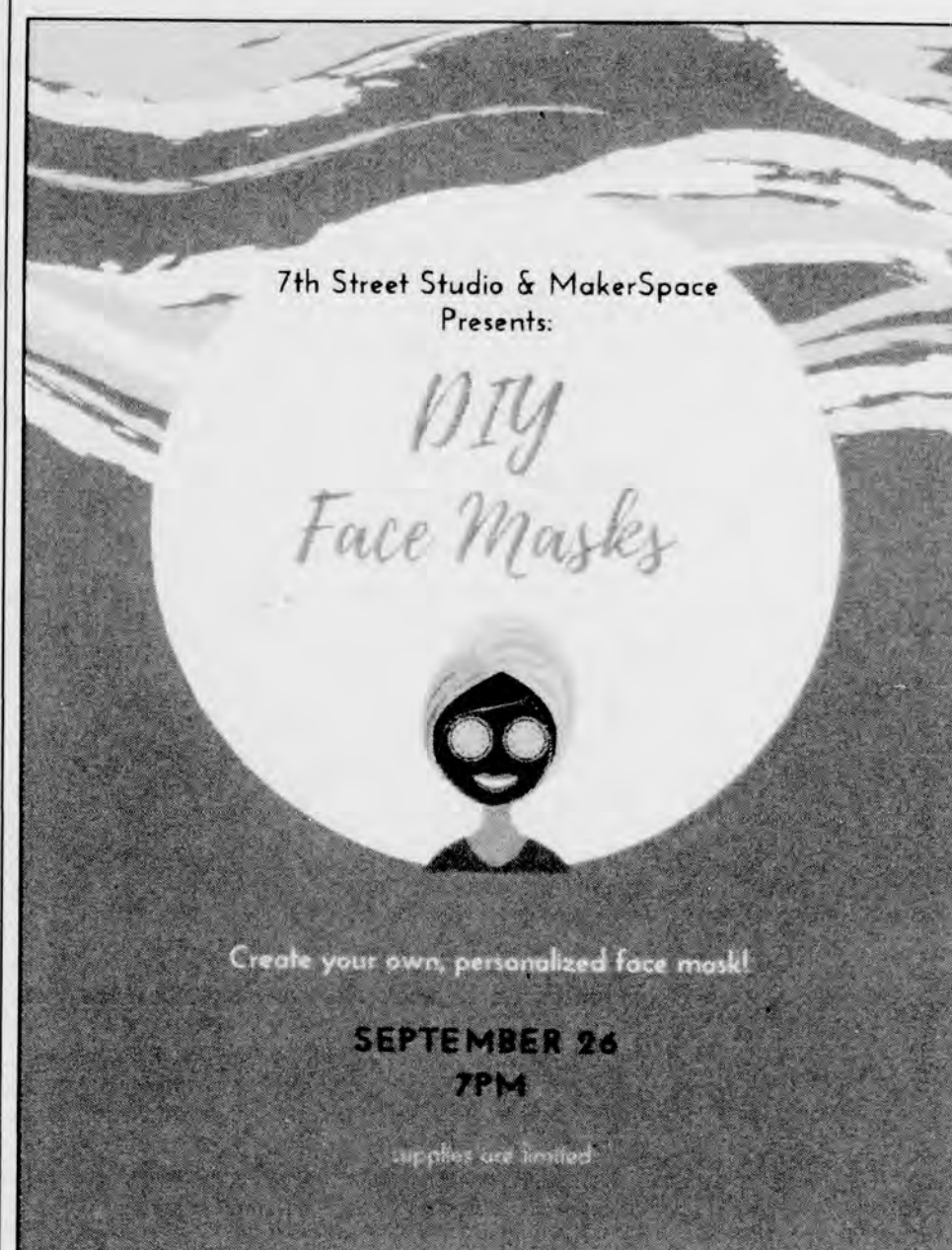
these massive wildfires. Instead of blaming the fires on climate change, however, U.S. President Donald Trump has credited poor forest management as the cause of the ever-growing blazes. Trump tweeted, "Billions of dollars are given each year, with so many lives lost, all because of gross mismanagement of the forests. Remedy now, or no more Fed payments!"

The environmental impact of this disaster has become more serious than ever before. If forest fires continue to grow as we have seen over the years, large quantities of both California and Oregon may be permanently damaged. Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) senior scientist Mark Parrington has stated that "the fact the fires are emitting so much pollution that can be detected thousands of miles away reflects just how devastating they have been in their magnitude and duration." The

fires are affecting our air quality, adding to the carbon dioxide that already persists within our ozone layers.

A new wildfire, titled the Bobcat Fire, is threatening over 1,000 homes as it advances closer to the Mojave Desert. The fire is reportedly over 100,000 acres in size, making it larger than the city of Denver. With the fire being only about 15% contained, officials worry about the potential devastation that can develop.

If carbon dioxide emissions and temperatures keep rising, fires like this will likely continue to occur and become increasingly dangerous over time. The wildfires illustrate the impending reality of climate change, and how it is rapidly affecting our planet. August and September already include five of the six largest wildfires in recorded history. If nothing is done to confront the growing issue of climate change, then more property and lives will be lost in the coming years.



## PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

### The two-party system has failed voters — here's why

Annie Maley  
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This year's election is shaping up to be one of the most contentious in decades. Yet strangely enough, despite the pressing need for unity on both sides, each major party candidate seems to be isolating a significant portion of their party membership. U.S. President Donald Trump takes radically conservative, and at times, engages in erratic digressions which tend to isolate many moderate Republicans. Candidate Joe Biden, by contrast, lacks the diverse, progressive policy agenda that many Democrats would prefer their presidential candidate to pursue. On both sides, it seems that voters are disappointed with the candidates they are expected to support. This dissatisfaction is emblematic of a wider issue at stake in American politics — the current two-party system does not represent the widely varied interests of the American citizenry in 2020. Both parties suffer from different afflictions, which lead quite naturally to this same result.

On the right, the Republican Party seems to utterly lack a coherent policy agenda or platform. In essence, the party has adopted "support of President Trump" as its core tenet, and by extent whatever the president supports or opposes. This year, their 2020 party platform was effectively non-existent, rather than creating a fresh document relevant to contemporary concerns, as is common practice, the party presented a one-page resolution noting that "The RNC has unanimously voted to forego the Convention Committee on Platform,"

and that "the Republican Party has and will continue to enthusiastically support the President's America-first agenda." For those Republicans who are not enthusiastic supporters of Trump, such categorical adherence to his ideology will doubtless leave them feeling isolated from their party. With no platform to guide voters and candidates, Republicans are forced to either repose complete faith in Trump's protean personal convictions or support a Democratic candidate whose platform may be wholly contrary to their core beliefs.

Democrats, by contrast, seem to be experiencing the inverse problem. Their party platform nears 100 pages, outlining in extensive detail the Democratic party's positioning on nearly every issue imaginable. From resolving student debt to Native American healthcare, the platform is nearly pedantic in its all-encompassing nature. On the surface, this level of detail and breadth seems like a positive for constituents, party members have clear and well-written explanations of their party's stance on a wide range of issues. However, such specificity presents major problems for Democrats in light of the ideological and pragmatic plurality within the party, which has grown to critical mass in the last 10 years. Schisms within the party are particularly stark on issues such as healthcare, while many moderate liberals would prefer partially public subsidization or cost-ceilings on private plans, a robust progressive wing believes that the government should cover all healthcare and educational expenses for all individuals. On criminal justice, those who vehemently support law enforcement vie with those in favor of the com-

plete abolition of police departments. Those who still support the proliferation of natural gas fracking must contend against others who seek more urgent and immediate action to transition to renewable energy. The list goes on; the essence of these divisions is that the Democratic base represents an exceptionally diverse range of opinions on most social and political issues. This dilemma applies to many of the issues that the party's members are passionate about and demonstrates that the Democratic party membership has too broad a spectrum of opinions to remain an effective single party. While most Democrats can come to a consensus on some social and economic issues, the vast majority of these topics foment lasting conflict.

On both sides of the aisle, a significant number of voters will be apathetic to the candidates they see on the ballot this November. The Democrat's attitude of "settle for Biden" and the phenomena of moderate Republicans being "closeted Trump voters" shows how the two political parties are no longer good representations of their constituents. The Democratic party arguably needs to split into moderates and progressives based on their dramatic differences in opinions on social and political issues. On the flip side, Republicans need to form a strong platform (not centered around Trump's rhetoric), or they must split to create a party that can represent the non-Trump moderates. Regardless of the outcome of the 2020 election, both parties will continue to produce dissatisfying candidates unless they greatly re-evaluate the structure and positions of their organizations.

## DIY Mugs and Mug Cakes



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# ISOLATING INSIDE OR GETTING OUTDOORS?

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Special Features Editor

As the semester progresses, and with Family Weekend and Homecoming canceled, students at the University may begin to tire of their familiar routine. Although students are unable to

return home and have to limit extraneous travels for the time being, that doesn't mean students have to remain stuck in their dorms or off-campus houses forever. Before the weather turns cold, students need to make sure we are getting outside and enjoying the fresh air.

## A FUN SATURDAY OUTING

On a brisk Saturday morning, around 11 a.m., my seven friends and I packed into two cars. We were planning on driving to go to R.B. Winters for an outdoor, well-ventilated day of hiking and exploring. That morning, the drive to the state park was not bad; in fact, driving west of the University proved to be an enjoyable 20-25 minute ride with pretty rural scenery and windy roads, with the occasional local farmer's market placed on the side of the road. A fair warning about the drive to R.B. Winter State Park: all phone service pretty much cuts out close to the park, so be

prepared to either memorize the directions (if you're good with geography) or be old-fashioned and print them out.

When you pull into the parking lot, a wide expanse of trees provides ample shade; a dirt path, with scattered picnic tables around it, leads visitors further into the brush, closer to the lake and beach area. According to the park's website, visitors must wear a mask, social distance, sanitize frequently, avoid touching their faces and have proper hygiene when coughing or sneezing in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

## WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

Prior to the pandemic, the University's Outdoor Education and Leadership (OEL) was a great resource, and it is even more so now for students looking to explore hidden, outdoor gems in Lewisburg and Union County. According to OEL's website, they are remaining active this semester, engaging students in remote medicine classes and teaching backcountry navigation, technical skills, rock climbing and paddling, among other activities. In addition, OEL is continuing its outing club trips this semester — with the proper COVID-19 precautions in place, of course. Some of the upcoming outing club trips for this

semester include: a hiking trip at Ricketts Glen (Oct. 3), Stargazing at Cherry Springs (Oct. 10), biking the Rail Trail (Oct. 18) and a spooky canoe trip at the Milton State Park in the spirit of Halloween (Oct. 31). More information about OEL's upcoming event calendar and how to sign up for these trips can be found on the OEL website.

There are so many unique spots surrounding the University, and am in some ways appreciative that COVID-19 has encouraged me to break my habits and discover other safe ways to have fun. One of these special locations is the Raymond B. Winter State Park (or R.B. Winters).

## R.B. WINTER STATE PARKING THE PANDEMIC?

Located on 695 acres of land in Central Pennsylvania, R.B. Winter State Park had a lot to offer. My friends and I were able to hike the Overlook Trail to the top of a lookout area and then walk the flatter Rapid Run Nature Trail. After our little exercise, we traveled to the Halfway Lake and beach. Because it was Labor Day weekend, there was a decent amount of people at the park; however, the beach was expansive enough to accommodate social distancing

guidelines, and other visitors remained near their respective groups. In addition to the trails that we hiked that day, R.B. Winter State Park has plenty of other areas to explore, such as the Central Mountains Trail, the Boiling Spring Trail, the Old Tram Trail, the Brush Hollow Trail and the Mid State Trail, among some on the park's map. And although we also did not spend the night at the park's campgrounds, there are campground offerings to accommodate tents, trailers and

motorhomes. Additionally, R.B. Winters has three campaign cottages available with windows, wooden walls and floors, electric heat, a porch and electric lights/outlets, as their website states.

Natalie Slupe '21 also visited R.B. Winter State Park that day and explained the exorbitant opportunities the recreational area offers. "Escaping to R.B. Winters was such a nice reprieve from the craziness of campus," Slupe said. "It was so wonderful to be outside in the fresh air

with good friends enjoying the nice weather! The hikes were so fun and lounging on the sandy 'beach' was a pleasant ending to the trip."

Overall, the park was a great way to not only get outside during a heavily remote time but also to find out more about the area surrounding the University. Instead of moping about the changes we are enduring this semester or the presence of feeling isolated, get outdoors to see all that Lewisburg and nearby have to offer.





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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE  
CAMPUS THEATRE?

Nicole Yeager  
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We are seven weeks into the Fall 2020 semester and COVID-19 is still just as present in the minds of the University's community members — and around the world, as well. With only 18 positive cases on campus thus far, feelings of accomplishment and optimism are well deserved, this being said, the current state should only motivate continued dil-

igence, responsibility, and accountability — all of this was articulated in University President John Bravman's latest email, with a subject line that read: "Congratulations Are in Order!"

When the University first sent home its students and closed its doors in March, the United States was beginning its battle with the global pandemic. Through- out the summer, students and faculty alike eagerly awaited the news from our

University president: would we be returning to campus in the fall, or would we remain home for the semester?

Shortly after speculations were whispered around, students received the much-anticipated email from Bravman on May 27: "At this point, we fully intend on resuming residential education in August. We want you learning, here." This email also included a list of possibilities outlining and foreshadowing the

structure of the coming semester. For the rest of the summer, students received many more emails from Bravman, Dean of Students Amy Badal and Medical Director Catherine O'Neil. Additionally, a "Fall Planning/Reopening" website was created in order to keep students, parents, faculty and staff well-informed.

Now, four short months later, there are many elements of this new reality that we have slowly adjusted

to, and many that we will continue to adjust to. The first step was to release the altered academic calendar, which called for students to return to campus a week earlier in August and marks the last day of classes before Thanksgiving Break. In addition to this, students and faculty were given the opportunity to decide for themselves whether they would conduct the semester remotely or in person. Next,

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### 'Love/Sick' theatre & dance performance

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On Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26, the University's theatre & dance department premiered this year's First Year Show: "Love/Sick." This year, the play was both performed at the Harvey M. Powers Theatre and aired through a live link for all students, faculty and staff, parents and other community members to view.

"Love/Sick" was directed by Emma Battle '22 and performed by the Class of 2024 theatre cast; the stage manager was Sydney Dickinson '22 and the film director was Ryan Bremer '22.

"When I was first chosen to direct the First Year Show back in December, this is definitely not the show that I imagined putting on. But, I'm so happy with how it all turned out and I'm so

thankful that we were able to do any kind of performance at all since many schools are just stopping their theatre programs altogether this semester," Battle said.

Originally written by playwright John Canani, "Love/Sick" is a collection of nine short plays that explore the complexity and joy that come from being in love. Each of the nine scenes deals with a new hardship of love and requires two different actors. "Love/Sick" is an especially difficult show to direct during COVID-19 because it's all about relationships, marriages, love-at-first-sight, intimate connections and heartbreak, which are all very difficult to portray when actors can't touch each other, can't be within six feet of each other and can't even be in the same room without masks on," Battle said.

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## The Creative Writing Club & Stadler Center host Open-Mic Night

Sarah Haber  
News Content Editor

On Sept. 24, the newly established Creative Writing Club and the Stadler Center for Poetry and Literary Arts hosted an Open-Mic Night over Zoom where students share their own creative writing. Creative writing faculty members encouraged their students to sign up to present or watch the event.

Andy Ciotola, the program manager of the Stadler Center for Poetry and managing editor of West Branch magazine, and Chet'la Sebrece, assistant professor of English and director of the Stadler Center, assisted the Creative Writing Club in hosting the event. Sebrece opened up the event by thanking all who attended and introducing the executive board of the club. President Nicole Yeager '22, Vice President Tabitha Chilton '22, Secretary Madison Cooper '21 and Treasurer Magui Torres Loreda '22.

Speakers Chilton, Torres Loreda, Yeager, Tara Joshi '24, Ciara Davis '22, Sterling Deary '22, Kathleen Fedzer '22, Tierra Jones '22

and Lindsey Zawistowski '21 were each allotted five minutes to read their creative pieces. Creative writing faculty, students and other staff members were all attentive audience members.

The Creative Writing

club offers a way for students who are passionate about writing to build a community and engage with others

Tabitha Chilton  
Class of 2022

Club was inspired by Assistant Professor of English Joe Scapellato's course, The Writing World. The course introduces students to the various career paths in literature, journalism and media and encourages student participation

in writing communities on campus. Students are tasked with designing a project that enriches the campus literary community. The Spring 2020 class decided to create a writing club that would become a "hub" on campus for all literary communities. They hoped that the club would be an open and inviting community where students are encouraged to explore their passion for creative writing and push each other to grow as writers.

"For the longest time, I've been so jealous of other majors that have a tight-knit group of people in all their classes that form a community of people that are passionate about the same subject. This club is our solution to the absence of that which can be felt by students who love writing. The club offers a way for students who are passionate about writing to build a community and engage with others, whether that be workshopping each other's drafts, discussing literary events or writing together. Finally, there's a way for students who love writing to get together and talk about writing, learn

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FOR MORE COVID CRISIS

SEE A4



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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Sarah Haber & Nicole Yeager  
News Editor & Assistant News Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

The wetlands in Brazil have been burning at an alarming rate due to an extremely dry season. When surveying the fire damage, environmental groups in Brazil's Pantanal wetlands have reported that most vegetation has been destroyed and there are no animals to be found. With nearly 17,000 wildfires so far this year, the landscape and wildlife of Brazil's Pantanal wetlands are threatened as the government has taken limited measures to control and stop the wildfires.

Armenian and Azerbaijani forces have been fighting over a disputed region of the Caucasus, known as Nagorno-Karabakh, for days with no signs of stopping. This decades-old land battle has been brought back to the surface after an apparent end to hostilities beginning in the 1990s. 84 Armenian servicemen have died, in addition to 14 civilians. On the Azerbaijani side, 46 people have been wounded.

## DOMESTIC

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, U.S. President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden engaged in the first presidential debate of the 2020 election. The debate was held in Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion in Cleveland, Ohio. The debate was aired over most news outlets, including ABC, CBS and FOX, as well as Hulu and YouTube. The debate was moderated by Chris Wallace, a "Fox News Sunday" anchor and veteran of presidential debates. The two candidates discussed topics from COVID-19, current racial issues and the Black Lives Matter movement, to climate change and the depressed economy.

Seven months after the shooting of Breonna Taylor, the Louisville police officer who shot and killed the Louisville woman is now crowdfunding money to support his retirement. Detective Myles Cosgrove, one of the three officers who fired shots into Taylor's apartment back in March, is seeking funds through "GiveSendGo," a fundraising website similar to GoFundMe and Kickstarter.

## Uptown hosts "Make Your Own Sand Candy"

Elie Lowe  
Staff Writer

The University's Uptown club, located in Swartz Hall, aims to create a lively, inviting atmosphere on the weekends where students can not only attend fun events but also have a space to hang around with friends. As soon as Uptown opens its doors, students are welcome to come and go as they please; the crowds tend to be on the smaller side, which allows students to have more intimate conversations with their friends all while feeling safe. On Saturday, Sept. 26, Uptown hosted an evening event where students could make their own sand candy novelties. The event centered around a filling station where students could choose a fun-shaped tube and fill it with colorful, flavored sand candy; there were a variety of flavors ranging from classics like

sweet strawberry and sour green apple, to more unique flavors like fruit punch.

Due to COVID-19, many on-campus events have been canceled or postponed, leaving many students without entertainment on the weekends. Uptown is hoping to change that, focusing on hosting more events every weekend, diversifying their activities and increasing their promotion efforts with signs propped up around campus and weekly upcoming events emails.

To comply with COVID-19 guidelines, all events held by Uptown have been outside. All of the tables at the events had hand sanitizer on them for student use and students were encouraged to social distance.

"Uptown is always open. We're always going to be here," club manager Julian Ricketson '21 said.

In previous weeks, they've held a Trivia Night hosted by the Alpha Delta Lambda Honor Society, S'mores and More, DIY Spin Art Frisbees, Fall Festival and many more events. Uptown also hosts a Yard Games event on most Saturday nights where students can gather, listen to music, enjoy some snacks and play yard games such as cornhole or Spikeball.

The idea for the "Sand Candy" event was inspired by Uptown's popular "Just Desserts" event, which was most recently held the previous night on Sept. 25. Uptown wanted to keep up with the theme of sweets and provide yet another activity for their crowd. In addition to the main sand candy station, there were also free Chipotle burritos and chips for the first 30 people who attended, as well as chips and candy bars for all.

Although the event formally

began at 7 p.m., students started trickling in early to hang out with friends, study, mingle and play games. Later on, students could be seen enjoying their free food while making and enjoying their tubes of sand candy. Saturday's event created an environment for students to engage in any level of activity or socialization that they felt comfortable with.

"This event helped me find and get to know other classmates I've not been able to speak to in my remote classes," Spencer Stockhammer '24 said.

Uptown's next upcoming event is another installment of the Keeping It Reel: Movie Nights. This week they will be playing "The Nightmare Before Christmas" at both Uptown and the Mac-Donald Commons; there will be Domino's chocolate lava cakes for the first 25 people at each location.

## LOVESICK

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"Going into a completely virtual show, I had no idea what to expect. The process turned out to be really fun and I was amazed by the final product. It was cool to be a part of the first-ever virtual play here. I think that a lot of my peers share the same positive outlook on this experience," Kelley Schutte '24 said.

The directors and cast were able to adapt and come up with a variety of unique ways to perform the show safely. Leading up to filming, there was a mix of in-person and virtual rehearsals. The cast followed COVID-19 protocols during all of their in-person filmings and recorded scenes all over campus — even one on their professor's front porch. The directors explored new technological approaches to filming like using split-screen editing and using plexiglass as a prop so actors could interact on

either side of it. Battle shared that they even filmed a scene entirely over Zoom "because we had two remote actors calling in from Cambodia and California."

Though the first-year show played out differently than everyone imagined this year, it was incredibly successful and a rewarding process for all who were involved. "I honestly couldn't be happier with the final product and I'm so happy that people were finally able to watch it this past weekend. But more than anything, I'm beyond thankful that I was able to have this opportunity and that I got to work with all of these amazing First Year students," Battle said. The performance of "Love/Sick" turned out to be an enjoyable event for all those who were able to tune in.

## Upcoming Campus Events

Sarah Haber  
News Editor

Monday 10/5

Mental Health Awareness Week

Active Minds will be hosting an Awareness Week. During this week cultural clubs will highlight important issues. Active Minds will partner with these clubs to show how these problems relate back to mental health. The event will take place outside where clubs will set up tables to inform people. Furthermore, Active Minds will be giving out bracelets to promote awareness.

Friday 10/2

Freaky Fryday

7 p.m. @ Uptown  
Visit Uptown for Freaky Fryday! Hypnotist David Anthony will be performing shows at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Flyson will be parked outside of Uptown from 9-11 p.m., handing out all of your favorite fried foods - including nacho tots. Also, at 6:15 there will be free Taco Bell tacos for the first 50 people.

Saturday 10/3

First-Year & Transfer Student Social  
12-2 p.m. @ Seventh Street Studio  
Hey, first-year and transfer students: are you looking to meet new people and make new friends? Stop by Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace this Saturday for free food, DIY activities and lots of opportunities to meet other Bucknellians.

Keeping it Reel: The Nightmare Before Christmas  
7:30-9 p.m. @ Uptown & the Commons  
Visit Uptown and the Commons for a free movie viewing. There will be Domino's chocolate lava cakes for the first 25 people at both locations.

Tuesday 10/6

Virtual Trivia  
8-9 p.m. via Zoom  
Join every Tuesday night for Trivia. Zoom Meeting ID: 324 630 7063, Passcode: 965488

Wednesday 10/7

Donuts @ Dusk  
6-8 p.m. @ the Commons Lawn  
Visit the Commons for a cozy night of warm drinks, donuts and campfires!

Thursday 10/8

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# University's decision to bring back on-campus tours causes controversy

Jess Kaplan  
Print Managing Co-Editor

The University admissions team is once again welcoming prospective students and families to tour campus. It had previously stopped campus tours for nearly three months due to COVID-19, but resumed tours in late July.

Like many other aspects of university life, campus tours are starkly different than in years past. Admissions is now only offering two information sessions and tours per day, each capped at 20 individuals per information session with a campus tour immediately afterward. Moreover, the admissions team used visitor data from previous years to determine the most popular days to tour, and planned in accordance. In September, tours occurred on Mondays and Fridays; and in October, tours will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Visiting families are checked in outside for a health screening and temperature check. They are also required to wear a face-covering while they are on campus, regardless if they are indoors or outdoors. "This ensures our ambassadors have groups that are less than 10 individuals. We decided that our ambassadors will not come inside the admissions office so that their interactions with visitors takes place almost entirely outside," said Dean of Admissions Kevin Mathes.

Information sessions take place inside Freas Hall where families sit six feet apart from each other and the presenter. After this introduction, families are escorted outside in groups of two or three to meet their admissions ambassador. "We decided that our ambassadors will not come inside the admissions office so that their interactions with visitors takes place almost entirely outside," Mathes explained.

New tour routes were also designed in consultation with facilities. Families are only taken

into the Flame Langone Center, Academic West and Bertrand Library; these areas receive more frequent cleaning than other locations on campus.

The admissions team also created virtual programming that can be accessed at any time; this includes virtual information sessions with an admission counselor and ambassador, as well as a live tour where our ambassadors use a pre-recorded video that walks our tour route. The team also added weekly themed chats where ambassadors all comment on one aspect of life at the University. Mathes credits his colleagues in the Office of Communications with helping the Admissions team digitize all their publications in a Virtual Welcome Center.

Moreover, the admissions team is launching "Build Your Bucknell" in early October, which will replace our traditional in-person large-scale open houses. "Students will be able to explore Bucknell in the ways that most interest them — information sessions (in-person or virtual), tours (in-person or virtual), ambassador chats, office hours with faculty from our academic departments and college overviews conducted by the deans/associate deans," Mathes said.

Despite the new precautions, many students still feel uncomfortable with the influx of visitors to campus. In fact, one group of students created a Change.org petition — amassing 147 signatures at time of writing — which calls for campus to halt its reopening for in-person tours. The petition's mission questions the viability of Bucknell's planning, noting that, "[b]ringing guests into the community for purposes of profit puts ALL members of Bucknell's campus at risk, especially students leading the tours."

"I participated and chose to sign the petition because having outside visitors on campus

puts the entire campus at risk for COVID-19, and is a sign that Bucknell cares more about its reputation to the outside world than about their own students," said Yuki Komura '21. "Students whose work as tour guides is their only source of income on campus are now faced with the choice of not having money or having to risk themselves getting sick just to make a living, as many of our virtual visit options have decreased since we've restarted in-person tours."

Others acknowledge that tours are often instrumental in a prospective student's decision on which schools to apply to, however they are still wary of off-campus visitors. "I definitely sympathize a lot with prospective students who are struggling to make a decision on college. Also, given that this is an open campus, prospective students have been coming every day on their own," said tour guide Tara Lahey '22. "However, I do feel uncomfortable with prospective students coming to campus and it being encouraged. I understand that they are taking social distancing precautions, yet it seems unfair we are not allowed to leave while welcoming strangers to campus."

"Giving tours on campus is a rewarding experience because you can really have an impact on whether or not a student decides to apply or attend Bucknell," echoed tour guide Renee Shun-hazarian '22. "I do think it was too soon to open up campus to the public. Even though tours are smaller, it still puts Bucknell students at risk on campus."

Even with the concerns among students, admissions officers maintain that the campus is still seeing less visitors than in a regular admissions cycle. "We've seen a drop in in-person visitors this year, but that is due to the limits we've placed on registration rather than interest," said Mathes.

## COVID UPDATE

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it was released that Bucknell Student Government (BSG) had created a Student Advisory Group of 17 students who would assist the University in planning for the upcoming semester.

With only eighteen positive cases on campus thus far, feelings of accomplishment and optimism are well deserved; this being said, the current state should only motivate continued diligence, responsibility, and accountability.

On June 30, President Bravman revealed the "Fall 2020 Student Guide to Campus Life," a comprehensive document that details the procedures, protocols and

regulations, expectations and goals that the University has implemented in response to the pandemic. This guide highlights the following key points: a Community Responsibility Agreement, the My Herd program, sequential testing and contact tracing, isolation and quarantine, face coverings and social distancing protocols as well as other principles of socially responsible behavior, and some details as to modifications that have been made to campus.

The University contracted with TCA/Genetox to provide each student with two COVID-19 test kits prior to returning to campus. Test kits were mailed to students' personal residence and could be self-administered. This ensured that all individuals physically returning to campus would be coming with a recent negative test result. With only a minor hiccup regarding the initial returning students (orientation leaders and assistants), this procedure was successful. Moving forward, the University is also providing all campus community members with free sequential testing every 10-14 days. Individuals can make appointments for these tests through the new "Herd Health" section in the Bucknell app or the linked Aura app.

Another key tool that the

University has generated is the "COVID-19 Dashboard," which can be accessed through the University's website. The dashboard, first introduced in an email sent on Aug. 13 by Bravman, has continued to evolve and improve in response to feedback from the community of students and faculty. This resource is now updated daily with the following on-campus information: cumulative number of tests administered, cumulative number of positive cases and the current number of positive cases. It also compiles all past numbers and statistics into charts and graphs. The dashboard page also features information regarding the University's information line, contact tracing system and what happens when a student or faculty member tests positive.

Lastly, the University launched its "My Herd" program in order to check in with students and focus on the strains the pandemic has caused on mental health, as well as provide support and foster accountability. Students were divided into groups of 10-15 students from all different class years and placed into "herds" led by a faculty or staff member. Each herd meets both as a group as well individually; herd leaders also encourage students to complete their daily symptom checking and remain socially responsible.

## CREATIVE WRITING

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about writing and, of course, write," Chilton said.

"The Creative Writing Club opened up a space for me to share a part of myself that I wasn't comfortable sharing before. The open-mic experience showed me that there are many students who want to give voice to social issues going on in this country through poetry and other forms of writing, and it reassured me that I want to be a part of this small movement that will lead toward a greater cause," added Magui Torres '22.

The goals of the Creative Writing Club are to host free-write sessions, writing

workshops, Stadler Center reading discussions and open-mic nights. Being a new club on campus, events such as Open-Mic Night are helping to bring exposure to the club. Additionally, the club is currently in the process of merging with Confetti Head, the student-run literary magazine on campus.

"It was a great opportunity to get some exposure for the Creative Writing Club and, thanks to the Stadler Center and the amazing students that read aloud, it was a great experience that represented the club well. I also read aloud, which I was even

more nervous about because my poetry is not exactly PG-13, but afterward, some of my classmates that had attended the first club meeting and some who hadn't messaged me privately in zoom classes to tell me they liked my poems! This is exactly the kind of thing that we want to accomplish from the club — creating a community of writers that support each other! I was overjoyed," Chilton said about the Open-Mic Night.

If you are interested in joining the Creative Writing Club or learning more, contact Nicole Yeager: nly003@bucknell.edu.

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## COVID canoodling



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Cuffing season is coming up, but health concerns are keeping people from getting close and comfortable. The coronavirus is now forcing people to get a little creative with their romantic endeavors.

Sergey Suave '22 took his prospective partner on a coffee date on the Male-Sardi Quadrangle, but it took a bit of an unfortunate turn. "Well, we decided to sit six feet apart to be responsible, but there was a class happening on the quad so I couldn't hear a word he was saying," Suave said. "I literally have no idea if I even like him."

While Suave didn't experience as much interaction as he had hoped, Chelsea Choossey '21 ended up on the complete opposite end of the spectrum. "We were hanging out at my place and it wasn't going great. I was just about to tell him I had an early morning so he would leave when I got a positive COVID test back," Choossey said. "He has roommates, so he

ended up quarantining with me for two weeks." Choossey and her love interest are now excited to announce their upcoming engagement.

Even when an appropriate amount of interaction is experienced between a couple during this odd cuffing season, it's still possible for them to drop the ball post-date. Sam Stoic '23 had this problem at the conclusion of a first date. Instead of a normal farewell gesture, Stoic decided to go in for the COVID-classic elbow bump, thus ruining the mood and quite possibly their shot at a text back. At least Stoic didn't catch COVID-19, even if they did catch feelings.

If anything good comes out of a devastating global pandemic that is tearing one particular country apart, at least most people will become much more selective about the people they decide to date. If you're not willing to potentially quarantine for two weeks after seeing them, they're not the one. Either that or COVID-19 will continue to spread like wildfire. Happy dating.

## The great athlete/NARP debate

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

As the Fall 2020 semester stumbles into its seventh week, the leaves are beginning to fall in a brilliant metaphor for student motivation: the food is still inedible, and the homework is still unmanageable.

However, I had a realization the other day that I am sure most others have realized, but I wanted to take this special moment to put it into print.

If you've never heard of the term NARP (non-athletic regular person) or have never had someone call you a NARP, you're either an athlete or someone who isn't cool enough to be friends with athletes.

Due to the circumstances of this school year, teams have not been able to practice the same way they usually do. Most workouts are in groups, most games have been delayed or canceled and conditioning, for some spring athletes, has only recently started.

In other words, the days of athletes locked in eternal conflict with NARPs are no more. Gone are the days of the inferiority complex which these non-athletes feel when standing next to their Division I athlete friends. Gone are the days of that boy in your math class talking about how exhausted he is from practice, and gone are the days when that mean girl on your hall would knock on your door and tell you to be quiet at 9:30 p.m. because she has a 5 a.m.

wake-up the next morning.

NARPs can finally sit back and enjoy their days without the continuous drone of talk of practice and coaches and game day nerves that so many of us left behind in high school. Somehow, this talk enters our ears at a frequency lower than how we actually speak, which simply turns it into never-ending background and white noise.

At least, this is how the semester started off. Then came "the masks."

"The mask" is a term used to describe those grey masks that have a small version of the University's logo on their cheek, given to those who earned the privilege of being on a Division I team (I want to make it extremely clear that I am not knocking your guys' hard work, just highlighting a very real, very important issue, as per usual).

"The masks" have made their way across campus and infiltrated the dorms, classrooms and the cafeteria. I even saw a couple in the bookstore downtown and many others tossed to the side of a table at a certain popular downtown restaurant. Nowhere is safe.

Fellow NARPs, we are no longer safe. We had our moment where we operated under the false impression that we, as a group, would be regarded as equals, as equally hard workers in the classroom and just slightly less coordinated outside of class.

But everything is temporary, much like our moment of equality.

## University event causes minor mutations in student population

Maximus Bean  
Contributing Writer

On Friday, Sept. 25, the University held a Just Desserts event around campus. Shortly after the event had ended, students began reporting a series of unusual phenomena.

"Once I had eaten that cookie I decorated, my ribs felt funny. Later that night, I found I had grown two more pairs of arms!" one sophomore said, whose name has not been disclosed for reasons of national security. "I had thought of going as Spider-Man this Halloween, but now I have to settle for Doc Oc." After a nondescript white van drove this sophomore away, I was told by some of his friends that he did not, in fact, like Marvel comics.

After this unusual incident, I met up with another friend, who, to my surprise, had grown a third eye. Unfortunately for me, however, it ended up with him talking to me for two hours straight about the true answers to life, humanity's purpose and how everything in all of history ties into his love for absurdist horse-themed calendars.

With his third eye, he dutifully reported, "So, like, this is reality, man. The sky is sky, and red is just purple without the blue. Pigeons are like rats with wings except rats have that one tail thing. That's actually like, to feel stuff though, like antennae. I can see thoughts, like the answers to all the tests, man. The Final for Quantum engineering, number seven is — hey wait!"

This student was dragged off by the enforcers of the Academic Integrity guidelines.

It turns out that the ingredients baked into some of the desserts at the event were, indeed, radioactive. Instead of a horrible Godzilla-like creature intent on razing mankind's van accomplishments to the ground, this special radiation is now confirmed to cause superpowers. The effects of these ingredients are still unknown, but they are currently classified as Horseshoe, Substance Y and Fredrick. Frederick stole my Student ID, so I didn't trust him anyway. Substance Y is made from what the school serves in the cafeteria, some kind of "vegan macaroni extract" of indeterminate origin I had tried it myself at one point, but the noxious fumes

forced me to stop and question my path in life. As for horseshoe, there should be absolutely no explanation for its inclusion on this watchlist.

If you have consumed anything from the Just Desserts event, please stay inside. You could have some kind of third leg or something, and that would make pants cost a fortune — especially at the student bookstore. It's best not to waste that money regardless. Do not bother going out, because you will look ridiculous. That shirt looks silly on you, anyway. If you develop a second mouth or nose, I would advise you to cover it up with a mask or a hat. If not, prepare to submit to authoritarian mask laws and stay inside for the rest of your college career.

## COVID crisis misconstrued?



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

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The COVID-19 crisis just became a lot messier, with different opinions flying through the air at such high velocities that not even standing six feet apart will stop the madness.

That's right: the people from your hometown are saying the coronavirus is a government scheme — a hoax to control you. Every scientist, healthcare worker and person who has suffered from the virus? They're all lying to you, and these indi-

viduals who peaked in high school are now the only ones you can trust these days because they are of the select few able to see the truth.

It is rude to ask, so The Bucknellian is here to clarify: those Facebook memes that loosely outline the ways in which Nancy Pelosi singlehandedly manufactured a global pandemic that are dutifully presented on your timeline every time you log on to wish your estranged uncle a happy birthday are, in fact, completely accurate. Fake news only comes from the radical leftist media outlets like NPR, and

the guy who barely passed ninth grade science knows way more about airborne illnesses than you, a biochem major, ever will. Any ideas suggesting otherwise will mean you're too blind to see through the media.

And don't even get the girl who took the same statistics course twice started on the COVID-19 mortality rate. In a tweet composed and, shockingly, published after proofreading it, she explained that the number of people who have died needs to be divided by the global population in order to determine the mortality rate. Numbers are pretty abstract, so who's to say?

Besides, the only people who are dying are old and sick already, so their lives are disposable, anyway. No need to take excessive precautions that involve minimal burdens on others just to accommodate them.

Yes, these are the same people who bullied you in middle school, but the past is the past. In this time of turmoil, it is absolutely crucial that we all band together and refuse to listen to the experts telling us how to end a global health crisis so it remains clear to the rest of the world that Americans will never be told to wear a piece of cloth over their mouths.

## How to get through the year

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

Have you ever had a really rough day and just sat back and relaxed, maybe read a book or did some knitting or yoga to calm yourself down?

Me neither. Alcohol is the perfect mix between "terrible choice" and "but I feel so much better." You don't even really have to make the choice; it is made for you, by you.

I'm not going to lie to you, readers — I know all of us have been there. I do know that some of you are going to read this and say something like "No, I would NEVER do that!" Please wait until you have to get through your Quantita-

tive Reasoning requirement class, then call me back.

(If that doesn't make you cave, maybe your W2 requirements will.)

Regardless, the Bison has taken it upon themselves to profit off of this innate desire to use alcohol to relax and unwind after a long day.

They have begun to distribute mixed drinks (of course, only for those 21+ with a valid University ID) with a variety of names that even I, a satire writer, can appreciate.

The "I Slept Through Class, Again" is a coffee beverage that can be served iced or hot with four shots of Bailey's and, upon request, a mini digital alarm clock. This is one of their most popular drinks.

The "My Parents Are

Coming To Visit" is similar to a mojito, but without the mint and sugar and distilled water and it uses tequila instead of rum. If you're unfamiliar with a mojito, the modified version I've just outlined for you is simply tequila and lime juice. Upon request, they will provide a salted rim for an extra dollar because they know you want that salted rim. This drink is sold almost exclusively on the weekends or early in the morning on weekdays.

The "Identity Crisis" is a mixture of vodka, tequila, strawberry liqueur, blue curacao, lemonade and soda water. If you're having an identity crisis, you might as well have it on the beach, right? This one is the most popular daily drink, which I think tells an interesting story.

Lastly, they offer the "Hangover Cure," which does its job very well. This drink wakes you right up with five shots of rum, two of Malibu, maraschino cherries, pineapple juice and upon request, it comes with a free Natural Light and packet of ramen noodles. It is extremely popular on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. And Sunday nights. Sometimes Monday morning.

Needless to say, I believe the Bison has seemed to take a lot of notes on college culture and has done their best to appeal to this crowd. When prompted, the staff told me they've never had such a great turnout.

"Be safe, drink responsibly and try your best," reads the sign next to the menu.



# The Sound of Music, the Moves of Dance

Libby Darrell  
Special Features Editor

With more than 60 majors and 70 minors, the Uni-

versity offers highly-ranked programs in the science and engineering departments, as well as cumulative majors and minors in the humanities

and arts. This integration of disciplines — a staple of the University's liberal arts education — is undoubtedly beneficial, as many of us University

students are aware of. One department in the College of Arts and Sciences with available major and minor opportunities is theatre and dance.

## Theatre & Dance Program

The theatre & dance program offers opportunities just as intensive and cumulative for students as any programs in the College of Engineering or the Freeman College of Management. According to the University's website, students at the University are able to participate in five yearly mainstage productions in theatre and dance, student-run shows and several student showcases. This mixture of products, showcases and shows offers students interested in the program the ability to pursue their creative passions — enabling

them to help design production costumes, aid in lighting designs and sound tests, complete show makeup and choreograph dances.

In particular, the theatre & dance program at the University covers a range of theatrical areas, including dramatic literature, history, engineering and technology and performance and design, according to the program's webpage. Students majoring in theatre & dance are encouraged to sign up for other electives related to their art form as well. And for those who would not like to major in theatre and dance or who do not have the time

to do so, students have the chance to minor in the subject.

In addition to offering a combined major or minor in theatre & dance, the University offers a minor solely in dance. The University's website states that the dance minor encompasses overviews of ballet, modern, jazz, social dance, Chinese watersleeve, musical theatre and advanced training. Additionally, the minor teaches students about history, production and design formats, dance composition and performance studies. In order to ensure this wide array of topics is interesting and engaging, some course instructors will invite guest art-

ists to aid in their particular lessons. On campus, the University has several spaces dedicated to the study and practice of theatre and dance; these locations include the Harvey M. Powers Theatre in Coleman Hall, Tustin Studio theatre, a dance studio and a costume studio. These studios and theatres are utilized year-round, but especially leading up to the Fall Dance Showcase, the spring Choreographer's Showcase and the fall and spring dance mainstage season concerts — all of which are usually sold-out shows, with an audience full of supportive University students and Lewisburg community members.

## Outdoor Dance Festival

As evident with other events and programs on campus this semester, everyone has had to make adjustments and sacrifices in order to prioritize the safety of the University's own community and surrounding community. One such adjustment is a dance festival that will take place

outside, in the lovely enjoyment of fresh air. The Theatre and Dance Department is presenting its first Outdoor Fall Dance Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3 with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 4. University students and faculty are encouraged to support all the hard work of their peers in the Depart-

ment of Theatre and Dance, and to come watch these various performances taking place all across campus beginning at noon. Performances will be scattered across the farm, Rooke Chapel, Weis Center, KLARC lawn, the grove, the quad and elsewhere. Some performances will even fea-

ture the University's Symphonic Band! In terms of safety, audience members will be required to be masked and socially-distanced. And those who do not feel comfortable attending the event may inquire about a Zoom link for the event and DVD copies, which will come later.



LAYOUT BY LIBBY DARRELL, SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR



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## The effects of California's presumptuous policymaking



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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The State of California has once again affirmed their progressive stance as a globally conscious, forward-thinking region of the United States. Potentially the most liberal state in the country, California has developed a modus operandi of subsidizing green energy, pressuring Uber and Lyft to incorporate their workers from contractors to employees and mandating birth control be offered at colleges and universities within their borders. These are just a few of the myriad policies that challenge the generally more conservative policies of the other 49 states. California's legislative actions have aligned the governing body to be the leading spectacle at the heart of American liberalism; predictably, such bold progressive stances seem to magnetize controversy to the steps of the Capitol Building in Sacramento. Much of America questions whether these laws are genuinely tackling modern-day problems head-on, or if their rash, ill-advised and asphyxiating mandates suppress fundamental American freedoms. California's latest headline and additions to their rule book might have just settled this debate, and hardly in

the state's favor.

California's 2035 ban on the sale of gasoline vehicles has resulted in new depths of polarization, as state policymakers turn their noses at the industries hurt by such changes. California does not seem to mind being the most hated in the corporate arena; the energy industry, already being taxed by hefty clean energy policies by the state, has been plagued with multiple energy crises. With such catastrophes still in many residents' rear-view mirrors, the new mandate on electric cars has encouraged a puzzling dependency on, and confidence in, an electric grid proven to be fraught with intermitencies. Shifting the responsibility of cleaner driving and fewer emissions onto the energy industry may even cause the industry to falter more frequently. The Wall Street Journal noted this issue particularly curiously, questioning if this arrangement "simply unload[s] the auto pollution onto the generating infrastructure." Whether California's energy industry will have developed reliable, more renewable sources of energy by 2035 is a largely open question. If this goal is not met, the state will merely have severely depressed job growth and industry viability, in the process shifting the smoggy tailpipe to a smoke-spewing

power plant.

Regardless, the largest industry to be impacted will be the automobile industry. Within a 15-year time frame, leading car manufacturers now must provide and develop a copious amount of car design, options and models to try and capture a market of diverse, sometimes wholly incompatible preferences. Although the car industry has made it a prime focus to pivot to greener cars within the past decade, the progress has been slow. Beyond Tesla, no other car manufacturer has been able to create a hit, top-selling electric vehicle compared to their gas-guzzling counterparts. Again, this raises larger questions as to whether or not Californian industries are remotely close to being prepared for such a drastic change.

While many appreciate California's ambitious, dynamic policy vision and its role in addressing pressing issues in the state, the anger and frustration at the discordance of their brazen wishes are valid. This particular move — and California's legislative activities in general — has created something of a schism between California and the rest of America. California's love for inspiring change is admirable, but it also inspires fear as to whether or not doing so will be more successful or detrimental.

## Can a sped-up vaccine be trusted?

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This year has been one of the most complex years in history, bringing a host of challenges in the past nine months. Since January, the coronavirus pandemic has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, killing over one million people and infecting over 33 million. COVID-19 has taken the world by storm, but there could be a clearing. With one dose vaccine testing beginning, could the pandemic be on its way out? Or, will people be exposed to an ill-prepared solution?

Multiple candidates have worked closely to create these vaccines, with Johnson & Johnson being among the major companies involved. Two other candidates are Moderna and a collaboration between Pfizer and BioNTech. There exists an emphasis on clinical trials because the vaccines are fast to manufacture but fragile in their current state. Some have to be packaged and preserved at frozen temperatures. Although these vaccines have been developed at a fast pace, public health departments are still uncertain as to whether

they are effective and reliable. Departments of public health in cities, states and territories are working on vaccine plans for the end of October. These companies state that they could know by the end of the year if these vaccinations work, but that could be unlikely. Even if one of these vaccines shows to be the most effective, all trials will continue due to the ambiguity of this pandemic. It takes years of clinical studies to see the side effects of medicines and get a clear, definitive outline of the body's reaction. There still remains a great deal of uncertainty about the future of individuals who have already been infected by the coronavirus. Is there a chance this vaccine will harm them? Simply put, no one can know without time to properly test the drug.

President Donald Trump has claimed numerous times that a vaccine will be in place before the Nov. 3 election day. Investing more than \$10 billion in private companies, the federal government's Operation Warp Speed program is pushing for this vaccine. Yet a big concern for many people is the possibility of being forced to receive the vaccine. In modern society, there is a wide array of people who, whether due

to personal or religious reasons, oppose vaccines and immunizations. If nearly all individuals in a given country receive this vaccine while others refuse, there will be a large portion of society who are still susceptible to infection. This could increase the spread of COVID-19, causing additional problems as most attempt to take precautions to eradicate the virus.

Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has navigated the United States through this pandemic since the beginning, does not promise a return to normalcy in the United States until late 2021, even despite the vaccinations supposedly beginning in the next month or so. One of the largest contributors to vaccine development, Johnson & Johnson, believes that if the vaccine is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the company will be able to make up to one billion doses per year. At this rate, infections will gradually decrease to potentially stop the spread. Hopefully, these vaccines will be the first step toward normalcy for the world and effectively put an end to the pandemic.

## Why do we feel as if time is moving faster?

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The entity of time is something that fascinates us, rejuvenates us and lurks ahead of us all. Time is what we hold onto, yet time is also what we let go of in the end. Time helps heal heartbreak. Time is what rushes you out the door in the morning, and time is what pushes you along through milestones in your life like graduation, marriage and birthdays.

Remember eating strawberry ice cream on your grandma's porch when you were five years old? How about heading to the beach with your family over the summers? Or waiting all year for your birthday to arrive when you were turning seven? Those times had a calming and leisurely pace. What about meeting your first love interest after Friday night football games in high school? Those evenings felt so good, didn't they? The mood was full of warm, exciting suspense; the evenings felt slow and memorable, but not rushed. Is time moving faster now than in the past, or is it an illusion?

To address this ticking question, there are a few routes into which we can delve. The first: that science can prove that time is literally moving faster, and the second: that we perceive time differently as we grow older. The frequency of the Earth, measured in hertz (Hz), is referred to as Schumann Resonance. This measures the rate over a given period of time. Simply put, the higher the hertz measured, the greater the Earth's frequency is, leading scientists to believe that the Earth, in fact, is moving quicker. Studies show that back in 1950, the frequency of the Earth was around 7.8 Hz and nowadays that rate is much higher; in December 2019, there was a record-breaking frequency of 15.8 Hz.

But there is also a more relative notion that, as we grow older, we feel and think that time moves more quickly. This concept can be explained partially by the experiences we accumulate with age and the lack of particularly novel events that occur later in life. When we are younger, most of the activities and experiences that we encounter are new, and therefore fill up a large part of our memory. For example, when we celebrated our fifth birthday, we most likely remember our parents dressing up nicely, our friends arriving with rainbow gift bags, the party room,

the cake itself — the sprinkles, frosting, the smell in the air of sweet sugar and sweaty kids — we probably remember the feeling of waking up that morning full of adrenaline knowing the day is holding a lot of enjoyment and fun. But as we age, events soon become recurrent and no longer fresh — each birthday is just another birthday, and by the time we're in our fifties, we don't necessarily even want to celebrate anymore.

Personally, time really does feel quicker for me recently. I recall my days of elementary school: those five years felt like two decades, each drama club night rehearsal felt longer than three hours and summers felt everlasting. I think about my graduation from high school — it felt like yesterday. I recall dressing up to walk across the podium with my diploma. I wondered where the next four years will take me — physically, mentally and experientially. And quite frankly, as a college senior year now, it does not feel like it has been about three and a half years since I've graduated high school. As much as I've grown personally and academically and feel more confident in speaking up about things I stand for, such as diversity and unity in a society that still faces social justice issues, I can only wish time slowed down a bit more in college. I'd like to enjoy little moments more, like strolls and stargazing. Aside from college, it seems as if everyone is so busy these days. It may not be that time is literally moving quicker, but maybe that many people have so many priorities and tasks that take up so much time of the day leaving almost no hours left. I recall my high school years, in which my days would wake me up at six in the morning to tackle a full day of classes until 3 p.m., which was followed by tennis practice and matches, allowing me to arrive home around 7-8 p.m., only to eat a quick dinner, then study and do homework until 2-3 a.m. I recall being super overwhelmed by my commitments — the school newspaper, sports teams, AP classes, clubs, volunteer work and applications. In a blink of an eye, it was over. I realized that those few years were full of stress and I was unable to stop and enjoy some of the moments. This can just be the nature of the society we live in — we must work hard and long to achieve a prestigious position only to be even more busy and blind to the beauty of moments that will soon become nostalgic

memories. Maybe our society is so fierce with competition and commitments that we won't be able to slow down the pace?

Growing up outside New York City, I realize that young men and women are hustling to the train station at 6 a.m. to arrive at the office, and some do not get home until the very late hours of the evening only to complete more work from home. Sure, not everyone has such demanding careers, but there is so much pressure in society to be "great" and to be successful. To a lot of people, success is measured by money, and due to the stark competition, young adults are more pressured than ever before to acquire prestigious jobs. Aside from career stress, there is a great deal of social stress caused by technology. Many people spend a lot of time on social media, which cuts out minutes and hours from one's day in a subtle manner that causes the user to not even realize how much time that they'll never get back spent on their devices. Our generation seems to be caught up with who is doing what right at this moment, and we are guilty of checking in on social media to see what friends, peers, and family are doing rather than visiting them in person. As much as social media is supposed to bring us together, it really pushes us apart — many users are checking their accounts in their rooms alone. I can't help but notice that even in social gatherings today, people are physically together, but are mentally separated as I observe people eyeing their phones instead of talking to the people next to them.

With all these pressures we encounter, it seems as if we forget to enjoy the moment. We are so caught up in academics, jobs and sometimes other people's lives, that we don't realize that time is passing and it will continue to move through us, so we must stop and take in the experience when we are in it. We should look around and enjoy the company of people we spend time with, observe the smell of the air, the color of the sky. We must analyze and appreciate the beauty of moments that will soon disperse into sweet memories that we can only hold onto since time will not let us re-visit. Given that time only moves forward, we should try to take part in activities we enjoy, surround ourselves with people we love, hold on to dreams that we wish to fulfill, and retain hope to drive us forward.

**First year and Transfer Student Social**

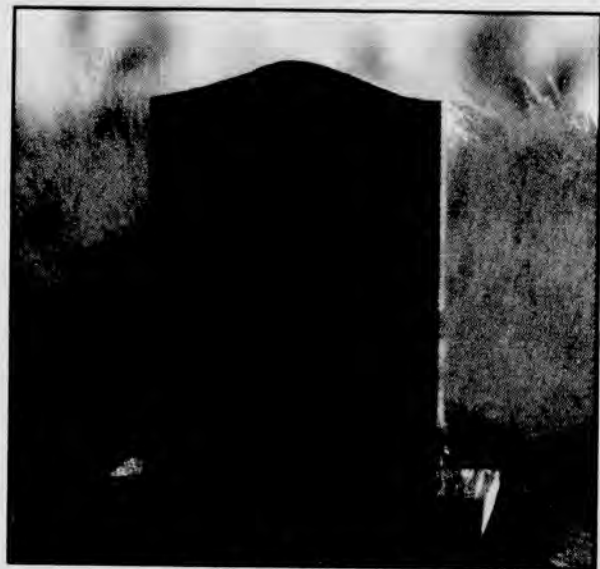
**Hey first-year and transfer students!**

Are you looking to meet new people and make new friends? Stop by 7th Street Studio & MakerSpace this Saturday for free food, DIY activities and lots of opportunities to meet other Bucknellians.

12-2pm  
Outside 7th Street Studio



## Is TikTok toxic?



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It is no secret that the social media platform TikTok has taken the world by storm over the last year. Almost everyone has an account on the mobile application, or has, at minimum, heard of the latest trends and viral videos that the app serves to incubate. Its enduring popularity made it a staple of modern popular culture, and it appeared increasingly likely that the app would become a social media staple in the tradition of Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. But late in July of this year, U.S. President Donald Trump announced that TikTok would be banned in the United States to protect the personal information and data of American users from the Chinese government. Since TikTok is owned by a Chinese company, the app was deemed as a national security threat.

The enactment date for this ban on Sept. 28 loomed large over the app. For the past few months stakeholders at ByteDance, the Beijing-based technology firm that created the app in 2012, scrambled to work out a deal to sell the app to an American enterprise, yet as if by the intercession of the divine, merely hours before the ban was set to take effect, a federal court issued an injunction against Trump's ban. The injunction resulted from TikTok's successful argument in court that the ban was unconstitutional, violating the

Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Many TikTok users are relieved because of this postponement and the possibility of the app being bought by another American company; however, I felt indifferent about this decision because I am not a TikTok devotee.

Although the app is primarily known for its dance videos, TikTok has become a platform for sharing — personal information, mental health concerns, political beliefs and even financial data — and breeds a good degree of oversharing as well. TikTok offers an intimacy that no other social media does, and there is a nontrivial downside to that.

I feel like I am one of a small group who does not find this app to be more entertaining than troublesome. A cursory glance at many common posts on the app will reveal negative and toxic attributes that greatly impact the mental health of its users, mainly teenagers and young adults. I know that I've found myself going down a rabbit hole of random TikTok videos for hours at a time, wasting almost an entire day scrolling. I can't remember a time where I've exited the app feeling happy or even remotely satisfied with myself. This stems from what I've observed is the type of content that is extremely popular within the platform.

Some of the most popular posts involve "how to lose weight TikTok" or "what I eat in a day." These videos are essentially exactly what they seem:

how the individual lost weight or showing what the said person eats in a day. These videos are not inherently destructive, but their ultimate problem is the effect that they have on the impressionable people who view them. The comments that I've noticed on these types of posts are usually young girls either comparing what they eat, or how their body looks, to the person in the video, even worse, some manage to actively tear themselves down about the content that they are being exposed to. This is extremely problematic — it can not only trigger people with body image issues and eating disorders to have toxic thoughts but may also influence some people to develop those body image issues independently. TikTok has become the ideal platform for endless, invidious comparison.

On the other hand, I do appreciate and understand that TikTok has been a vehicle for some people to connect to others whom they see as similar or maybe going through similar experiences. However, I do think that there is a lot of problematic content on TikTok like I have stated before that need not be accessible for vulnerable people. There are many larger issues at hand around the globe currently, but once an effort can be made to evaluate the impact of TikTok, it must be done. I think that many would find themselves better off without it.

## Justice for Breonna Taylor

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On March 13, Breonna Taylor was murdered in her home. More than six months later, the clamoring for justice voiced by the thousands who march down the streets of America in protest has far from dissipated.

That can largely be attributed to the recent indictment of one of the officers involved in the shooting. While all three officers were placed on administrative reassignment following the murder, only one officer, Brett Hankison, was fired and later charged. Yet the circumstances of his release were less about his participation in the loss of Taylor's life and more about violating departmental policies. It is worth noting, as well, that Hankison had a history of reckless conduct prior to Taylor's death.

The outcry that followed the shooting, in tandem with the murder of George Floyd, was a vocal response and condemnation of the lack of regard for Black lives from police and the law enforcement system. It is not difficult to sympathize with such sentiments, particularly when the other two officers are currently still members of law enforcement and do not have any charges placed against them. The Sept. 23 indictment from a state grand jury charged Hankison with three counts of wanton

endangerment. Yet it was not for the endangerment of those found inside Taylor's apartment; rather, it was for a neighboring white family whose apartment was penetrated by bullets. Curiously, charges were not raised concerning the risk posed to another neighboring apartment, which housed a Black family and was also caught in the crossfire.

Of course, none of this is true "Justice for Breonna Taylor," a slogan found in the distraught and angered cries of countless who have protested in her name. While some reparations have been made, including paying Taylor's family a settlement of \$12 million, the real action that needs to be taken is that in the name of accountability. It is not enough for the Louisville system to apologize and promise to do better. The only way that this promise can be proven is by honoring Taylor and ensuring that her death was not in vain.

It is fortunate that in June the Louisville city council passed the Breonna Taylor Act, which would effectively ban no-knock search warrants. Such a policy has been raised in the U.S. Senate, as well. This is a step in a positive direction, but it falls woefully short of the desired accountability desired by so many. The confirmation of such policies rings painfully hollow when only one of the three men involved in Taylor's murder was charged — and

only for nearly harming someone else in the vicinity. The use of Taylor's name as a policy feels more like compensation for a lack of true justice.

Such legislation helps solve a problem in an ancillary manner. The issue itself was not merely the manner in which they entered Taylor's home. It was the lack of restraint shown by the officers and the clear lack of consequence found in the aftermath. A total of 32 rounds were shot into the apartment, six of which hit Taylor. Such an absurd form of retaliation only serves to indicate a lack of regard for proper conduct.

How can such clear acts of injustice be deterred if those involved are consistently let off the hook? Or if those who act with reckless abandon in their line of work are merely cited as "bad apples," rather than understood as part of a larger system that permits such behavior?

True change can not come from small steps. Rather, sweeping changes for reform have to occur in order to recondition a system of enforcement that has proven itself to be largely unconcerned with consequences and committed to defending its most violent members. Ignoring the officers involved in Taylor's murder and focusing on a much lesser charge is far from justice, but rather a farce and a disservice to her name.

## FREAKY FRYDAY

PROVIDE T + 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM  
THERE WILL BE HYPNOTIST SHOWS AT 7 & 8 P.M.

10.2 7-11 P.M.

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

## International perspectives on the 2020 U.S. presidential election

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The United States is undoubtedly the world's most powerful nation, with a large, dynamic economy and a strong military to support and protect its interests at home and abroad. U.S. power is not limited to its domestic borders, and it can employ its policies to influence the direction of global policymaking, as well as bi- and multi-lateral engagements to which the U.S. is not even a party. In short, U.S. hegemony means that U.S. policy is international policy. Currently, the country is in the midst of the 2020 presidential election between U.S. President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, which ever of these candidates wins the election will determine the broad policy goals of the nation, the effects of which will be felt around the globe. Today, the international community finds itself at a crossroads vis-à-vis globalization and how best — or if at all — to engage beyond individual domestic borders. These issues are particularly relevant concerning many developing countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, who have been mostly excluded from the processes inherent to globalization. The struggle of globalization affects nations around the world, large and small, across the spectrum of development. The polar views that surround globalization have led to a rupture in beliefs in developing countries, with supporters of less foreign intervention in their countries supporting Trump, while those who dislike Trump's policies and rhetoric support Biden.

With a nuanced process, globalization offers both opportunities and challenges. Accordingly, reactions to globalization vary greatly, some supportive and others categorically opposed. Trump falls in the latter camp, taking a firm stand against globalization which became the backbone of his 2016 election campaign. As an illustration of his commitment to rolling back the globalist tides of previous presidential administrations, Trump declared at the 2016 RNC that "Americanism, not globalism, will be our credo!" The response to Trump's position in places like Africa varied. Some believed, if elected, his policies would be detrimental to the Sub-Saharan region and that his relatively isolationist foreign policy would encourage African leaders to tighten their grip on power. However, Trump's policies have in reality resulted

in the opposite effect for some African nations.

For decades, countries like the United States have provided Sub-Saharan Africa with various forms of aid, most notably food. While the intention has been to help Africa develop, some native Africans argue that aid has held parts of the continent back from developing its own domestic institutions, markets and industries. Every year, for instance, the United States government subsidizes the work of its domestic farmers to grow staple crops (such as rice), which is then procured by the government and exported to Sub-Saharan Africa; this agricultural aid has harmed some local African suppliers, who cannot compete with the high-quality, largely subsidized food from America. This created a vicious cycle, whereby depressed demand for food leads African farmers that grew these crops to be laid off or suffer revenue decline, in turn causing further reduction in domestic spending and thwarting Africans' ability to build strong, resilient domestic markets. These actions, ironically, had left the African people and the economy dependent on foreign countries for assistance. African leaders thus seek to limit the extent of foreign intervention in their countries through international aid programs, preferring to spur internal production and develop domestic supply chains. Hence, Trump's pursuit of anti-globalist policies actually created the possibility for these countries to gain a greater sense of independence with limited foreign intervention.

While Biden supports some similar policies to those of Trump, such as continued trade protectionism with beneficiaries of globalization such as China, he also takes a more distinctly pro-globalization stance than his Republican opponent. The former vice president, for instance, promotes the United States as a leader in the fight against climate change, namely one who will work with international partners to achieve these sustainability goals. One overarching theme of Biden's foreign policy — similar to that of former U.S. president Barack Obama's — is to have the United States play a prominent role in the development and functioning of supranational institutions. Biden is likely to continue many such policies, which are far more favorable to globalization and international openness. For instance, Biden's policy implies that rulings by institutions such as the International Criminal

Court (ICC) — an international institution that assists countries in holding leaders accountable for their actions and enforces international law — would be assented to by the United States, moves which could help the U.S. maintain its role as a world leader. Africa being the continent with the largest number of participating countries in the ICC, such countries may perceive some worrying consequences for such a policy posture. While the ICC has indeed brought corrupt and hostile leaders to justice, it has also come under fire for its perceived discrimination towards Africa; some have accused the institution of acting paternalistically towards these nations and not providing sufficient autonomy for them to resolve such issues domestically. The 2010 election in the Ivory Coast, between Laurent Gbagbo and Alassane Ouattara, provides an ideal example of such chauvinism. The 2010 vote, which nominally came down in favor of Gbagbo, was contested by the Ouattara campaign and various international actors. Soon, the United Nations was brought in to serve as a mediator and maintain the peace. Instead of allowing for the Ivorians to determine who won the election, however, the United States — along with France — chose Ouattara to be president owing to his pro-globalist and pro-Western sentiments, and allowed the ICC to place Gbagbo in prison.

U.S. power stretches well beyond its borders, and the outcome of November's presidential election will determine how the United States represents itself going forward on the world stage. However, responsibility is not easily defined. For some, the responsibility of the United States is to establish global policies and use its power as a world leader to uphold these policies, despite the fact that doing so may infringe upon the sovereignty of foreign nations. For others, the responsibility of the United States is to look after the interests of its own citizens — which is the primary job of a president — but in doing so, the United States will retreat from its role as a world leader. Regardless of who prevails in the 2020 presidential election, how the winner defines the United States' responsibilities will certainly have a significant impact on foreign policy for years to come.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CAMPUS THEATRE

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During quarantine this past spring and summer, many of us

were not only lonely but also profoundly bored, constantly searching for ways to fill the time. As a result of this newfound freedom, television show ratings and

movie viewings shot up, with reality shows like "Tiger King" and "Selling Sunset" becoming excessively popular on Netflix. With the semester in full swing

and less free time, quality television shows and movies are a great way to unwind, especially around the corner of midterm exams and without fall break this year.

## About Film & Media Studies

At the University, students have the opportunity to major in English, with a concentration in film & media studies. According to the University's website, this Bachelor of Arts degree offers a comprehensive overview of courses about documentaries and avant-garde cinema and others about film programming.

In addition to diverse courses on everything from individual projects in film and media, writing techniques, special topics and film theory, the film & media studies department at the University has plenty of interactive projects and research for students to engage in.

One of the resources for film & media studies majors, as well as the entire Lewisburg community, is located within a five-minute walk from campus, situated on Market St. It's called the Campus Theatre, and according to the University's website, is one of the only art deco movie theatres from 1941 with 35mm film capacity. The internship provides students with an overview of film and digital cinema projections, an

experience in cumulative research, and knowledge about film production that is relevant to a career in the industry. This internship at the theatre is open to upperclassmen from all majors. In order to apply, students simply submit the application cover sheet, a resume, a transcript and a letter of recommendation. Applications should be submitted to academic film programmer and lecturer Rebecca Meyers.

## Campus Theatre Internship

## Film & Media Studies Production Clinic

In addition to the Campus Theatre Internship, University students are able to complete a Production Clinic in film & media studies. According to the University's website, the Production Clinic offers students real-world experiences, specifically

in creating broadcast content for non-profit organizations. On an annual basis, the clinic chooses nonprofits searching for media assistance, and then pairs that organization with a class to aid with their media production.

## Arts Merit Scholarships

Lastly, in terms of financial support to students within the discipline of film & media studies, the University selects first-year students each year to

explore the subject. These scholarships range from \$2,500 to \$20,000 and financial need is not a requirement.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Booksellers Live! From Lewisburg

While the Campus Theatre is working on the possibility of scheduling other safe events for the year, the last current scheduled event is a live panel and Q&A after a viewing of "The Booksellers". On May 7 at 7

p.m., come join Sarajane Snyder from Mondragon Books, University professor and author Joseph Scapellato, Linda Roller from Liberty Book Shop and Susquehanna University professor Rob Siczkiwicz.

In an effort to mitigate the boredom brought about from quarantine and isolation, the Campus Theatre is utilizing the outdoor environments in Lewisburg to encourage safe gatherings. On Sept. 30 from 6-8 p.m., the Campus Theatre is hosting "Live! From Lewisburg," a live music event with Van Wagner and Runaway Striker in Hefnagle Park.

### Knox Mine Disaster Slay the Dragon

Several of The Campus Theatre's scheduled events for this semester had to be postponed from their original dates due to COVID-19. Included in those events affected was a showing

of the documentary "The Knox Mine Disaster." On March 28 at 1 p.m., The Campus Theatre will host a screening of the "Knox Mine Disaster," followed by a question and answer session.

Also, far in advance of the spring, the Campus Theatre has announced a virtual screening and online session of "Slay the Dragon" on May 28 at 7 p.m. The event is free and Cyndi Peltier of

CommUnity, Mary Zimmerman, Jordi Comas and Carol Kashi-holm will lead the discussion afterward, according to the event announcement.

### George Winston

On Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., solo pianist George Winston is coming to the Campus Theatre to play a show. Best known for his solo piano recordings, Winston

has sold 15 million albums to date and has played one-hundred concerts annually, according to The Campus Theatre's website. A few of his well-known albums

are "Autumn" and "December", "Winter into Spring" and 2017's "Spring Carousel — A Cancer Research Benefit", with "Rootless Wind" being Winston's most

recent work. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the event, and tickets will cost \$40-45.



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STUDENTS HARVEST SWEET POTATOES AT THE BUCKNELL FARM  
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LGBTQ+ RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

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The Lewisburg Community Garden and the Bucknell Farm encourage students to become more involved with agriculture and cultivation. Even with COVID-19 safety practices in place, both the garden and the farm are open to volunteers and are harvesting lots of food this semester.

Founded in 2012 and located at the intersection

of North Water St. and St. Anthony St., the Lewisburg Community Garden is a joint project between the University and the Borough of Lewisburg. As stated on their website, the Community Garden's mission is "to address food insecurity in our region by providing access to suitable growing space and by cultivating produce for donation to local food security programs." The garden also hopes to provide educational support for those who

wish to grow their own food as well as encourage more environmentally friendly food production.

There are multiple ways students can become involved in the Lewisburg Community Garden. The garden totals 18,600 square feet, which is divided into two portions: one portion for rentable plots and the other for the University and community volunteers to use for local hot meal and food bank programs. Individual plots of land can be rented

by groups, families or individuals interested in growing food. Members can sign up as volunteers to help out around the other portion of the garden. Since 2012, the garden has had over 1,000 volunteers provide nearly 5,000 hours of service. Volunteers can help with basic garden maintenance, assist with educational and community-based programs, support fundraising events and develop ways for the garden to be more sustainable.

Located on a hill above

the South Campus Apartments is the five-acre Bucknell Farm. Established in 2018, the farm builds off of the success of the Lewisburg Community Garden. The farm is used for both educational purposes and for growing food for the University Dining Services. The farm is still developing, but it is planned to include vegetable beds, a fruit orchard, an agroforest of native food-bearing trees, a pollinator

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## Active Minds hosts Mental Health Awareness Week

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News Content Editor

Active Minds is a national, nonprofit organization founded by Alison Malmon, who chose to devote her time to spreading awareness about mental health after her brother Brian committed suicide. Brian Malmon experienced depression and psychosis for over three years, but hid his suffering from his friends and family. Alison noticed that very few people on her own campus at the University of Pennsylvania discussed issues of mental health. She created Active Minds, Inc. to bring awareness and destigmatize mental health problems. Since its founding, the organization has expanded to well over 550 campus chapters.

During the week of Oct. 5, The University's Active Minds club hosted Mental Health

Awareness in preparation for the club's upcoming Spirit Week. Active Minds partnered with various cultural organizations to highlight important issues and their relationship to mental health. The club set up booths to disseminate mental health information, hosted a bracelet-making event and continued having club meetings.

"As a team, Active Minds believes that mental health awareness is extremely important, especially on college campuses. College is such a tough transition period for every student, especially now with the current state of the world. We strive to end the stigma around mental health and make it a topic that can be talked about in any setting." Diversity and Inclusion Chair Bella D'Ambrosio '22 said.

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## 2020 Dance Festival: Taking the arts outdoors



STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT AT DANCE FESTIVAL  
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Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

Every year, the University's department of theatre and dance hosts an annual Dance Festival to showcase student talent. This past Saturday, Oct. 3, the tradition continued, but with a twist: it was held entirely outdoors around campus. Due to the various regulations and protocols regarding COVID-19, faculty and students in charge of organizing this event, which has been held at Harvey M. Powers Theatre in Coleman Hall in past years, were forced to get creative and rethink how it would best be structured for both performers and the audience.

Isabelle Levesque-Du Bose '23 and Aisling Sullivan '23, both dance minors, were members of the Publicity Crew for the event's Production Staff — they could be recognized by the t-shirts they had designed for the event. The two shared that the decision to move the event outdoors also made it more ac-

cessible for the rest of the campus community and granted the performers, as well as the department itself, more exposure.

"It was truly a great way for the dancers to perform and an even greater opportunity to spread art around the campus," Sullivan said.

"We may be in a pandemic, but arts can still happen in unique ways," Levesque-Du Bose said.

Levesque-Du Bose was also involved with designing and creating the digital program for the Outdoor Dance Festival. This program outlined the dance schedule with times and locations, showed a map of the locations and listed detailed descriptions of each number. The program also listed the names of those involved with organizing the event, provided information about the department's upcoming events and included a memo reminding audience members to maintain socially distanced and wear masks. The program was sent out to all theatre and dance faculty and staff, as well

as students, to share with family, friends, other students and peers. Additionally, it was included in all their publicity efforts, including the University message center, and linked to a QR code that was available at each location.

The dance performances were scattered around campus, making use of both the landscape and the nice weather. Each performance was also accompanied by either live instrumental music from students or pre-recorded songs that played from speakers. The audience, which was made up of students, faculty, staff and local community members, moved along with the performers to each location. In the interest of accessibility, the entire festival was also being professionally recorded and live-streamed over Zoom by two students.

Professor of Dance Erdong Hu expressed his excitement during the event. "It has been difficult for dancers to

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Sarah Haber  
News Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

Scientists Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna won the Nobel Prize in chemistry for engineering the CRISPR tool that can be used to edit the DNA of plants and animals. This invention and discovery could eventually lead to curing inherited diseases. In over 119 years, this award is only the fourth time in history where a scientific Nobel Prize has been awarded to a team that is exclusively women.

On Oct. 7, the Italian government imposed a mask mandate as the number of cases within the country has risen over the past couple of weeks. The government announced that there would be fines of up to 1,000 euros for those who do not wear their mask outdoors or indoors. Although the infection rates in Italy are significantly lower than other countries in Europe, the government wants to ensure that cases do not spiral out of control, as they did when Italy was the first European country to be hit hard by COVID-19.

## DOMESTIC

U.S. President Donald Trump returned to the White House on Oct. 6 after being discharged from Walter Reed Medical Center. Trump announced on Oct. 2 that he tested positive for COVID-19, along with several other White House staff members. Once arriving back at the White House, he tweeted a video urging people to "not let [COVID-19] dominate you."

Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin has been released on a \$1 million bond after being charged with the murder of George Floyd. Chauvin has been in a correctional facility since his arrest on May 31, where he was charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter. Chauvin faces 12 or more years in prison if he is found guilty of unintentional second-degree murder.

## University honors the legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

Former Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away on Sept. 18 at the age of 87 due to complications of metastatic pancreatic cancer. Serving on the Supreme Court since 1993, Ginsburg earned the title of the highest senior member of the court's liberal wing. Ginsburg was well-known for delivering progressive votes on many prominent issues, including abortion rights, same-sex marriage, voting rights, immigration, equal health care and affirmative action. In the wake of her death, the nation is left focusing on these issues once more and further recognizing the importance of this year's election season. On Oct. 1, the University held a vigil and memorial honoring Ginsburg's life. The

event, organized and hosted through a collaborative effort from the University Hillel, Office of Religious & Spiritual Life, Women's Resource Center, Women's and Gender Studies and Speak UP, was held on the Academic Science Quad in front of the Hildreth-Mirza Humanities Center.

Rabbi Jessica Goldberg, who is new to the University this year, shared what motivated her to plan the event. "When the news first came in about Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death, I was with a bunch of Hillel students and the looks on their faces was a mix of sadness, fear and bewilderment. It was clear that she was a woman who meant a lot to many people. Being new to the University, I thought this was a great opportunity to create an event that would be both honoring and healing," Goldberg said.

"RBG is a singular figure in our nation. Her death brought about feelings of grief, fear and anxiety, and it is best to come together in times like this." Director of Spiritual and Religious Life Kurt Nelson said.

"Rabbi Jessica Goldberg was the energy behind the event; her and Chaplain Kurt Nelson put the event together quickly and successfully pivoted after a very rainy Tuesday forced us to reschedule," Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Erica Delsandro said.

The event began with a memorial service, featuring three speakers: Lilly Shaner '21, Avery Landon '22 and Delsandro. Following their words was a candle lighting ceremony. The event concluded with a film screening of "On The Basis of Sex" (2018). This film tells the inspiring true story of Gins-

burg's life and early cases; it stars Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer, Justin Theroux and Catee Spacy.

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## ACTIVE MINDS

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On Oct. 1, Active Minds hosted a bracelet-making event where students made bracelets with encouraging messages on them. Active Minds will be giving out the bracelets made at this event to promote awareness about mental health.

"In a few weeks, we have Spirit Week, which is hosted by Active Minds national to advance our mission: to change the conversation about mental health. Each day is dedicated to one of our five pillars that accomplish

change: awareness, education, advocacy, connection, and community. We offer a combination of actions that you and your community can take to end the stigma," D'Ambrosio said.

Students can follow @activeminds\_bucknell Instagram to stay updated on upcoming events such as Spirit Week. Active Minds also posts mental health resources, informative material as well as positive and encouraging messages for students.

## Upcoming Campus Events

Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

Friday, 10/9

Block Party  
6-11 p.m. @ Swartz Hall  
Patio, McDonnell Amphitheatre, Uptown and other outdoor spaces  
Join us for our yearly Block Party. There will be BMX bike shows in the small lot by Seventh Street Studio at 7:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Laser tag and other activities will be at Uptown along with some of your favorite snacks.

Saturday, 10/10

KeepingItReal: Movie Night  
7-9 p.m. @ MacDonald Commons, Uptown, and the Swartz Hall Patio  
Grab your University chairs and join us this fall for all of your favorite throwback movies at Uptown and the Commons. Movies will be shown at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, 10/11

LGBTQ Weekly Film Viewing  
7-10 p.m. @ ELC Forum (272)  
The Office of LGBTQ Resources is partnering with LGBTQ representations in the media and Camp classes from the English department to show LGBTQ+ film, TV and media representation. Contact the Office of LGBTQ Resources for a schedule.

Monday, 10/12

BHC Storytelling Workshop  
1-4 p.m. over Zoom  
Storytelling workshops are part of the BHC Programming Series: "Learning to Live with Floods: History,

Change, Remembrance, and Resilience" with Programming Fellow Andrew Stuhl and Presidential Fellow Bethany Fitch. Learn more about sharing your story and registering to attend this event at [www.storiesontap.org](http://www.storiesontap.org).

Tuesday, 10/13

BHC Storytelling Workshop  
Trivia Night  
8-10 p.m. over Zoom  
Join every Tuesday on Zoom for Trivia. Meeting ID: 324 630 7063 Passcode: pcBb24

Thursday, 10/15

BIPP Policy Forum: African Perspectives of the U.S. Election: From West to East Africa  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. over Zoom  
Panelists will provide commentary on the U.S. election from an African perspective. Meeting ID: 99450825442, Password: 843409

Food for Thought  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. @ Willard Smith Library, Vaughan Lit  
Food for Thought is a series of philosophical talks for students and facilitated by students. The series is brought to you by Phi Sigma Tau (the International Honors Society in Philosophy) and the Philosophy Club.

Griot Reading Group: Artists as Griots  
3-5 p.m. over Zoom  
The 2020-21 theme for the Griot Institute Spring Series is The Griot: Artists, Agitators, and Visionaries - Chronicling Our Stories. This reading group will focus on Artists as Griots by discussing several of Coco Fusco's art and essays along with Arthur Jafa's film "Love is the Message, the Message is Death."

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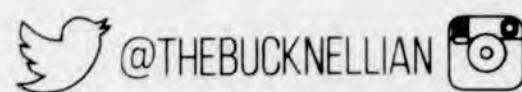
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## DANCE FESTIVAL

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express themselves this semester. This outdoor festival gave dancers from all different majors come together to celebrate art through many different styles of dance. I cannot believe how amazing the turnout is, everyone is having a great time," Hu said.

The festival began uphill outside of Malesardi Quad, Rooke Chapel, the Weis Center, McDonnell Hall, the Amphitheatre and the Bucknell Farm. There were six performances in this first section of the event: the opening number, choreographed by Associate Professor of Dance Kelly Knox, was titled "Let There Be Dance & Music," and was performed by various members of the program and accompanied by the Bucknell Symphonic Band. The rest of this first section consisted of smaller numbers, with one featuring the well-known Bisonettes Dance Team.

After a brief intermission, the event picked back up at the middle of campus, which included the Tunnel, KLARC Lawn and Sojka Lawn; this section comprised of three performances, with the last one, titled "Partition," featuring the Bison Girls Dance Team, a crowd favorite.

"I am so happy that we got the opportunity to dance this semester, and it was really fun to

take the show outdoors. It was also so great seeing everyone who came and supported the arts," Alana Bortman '22 said.

The festival concluded downhill, making creative use of the Gateway Stairs and the Grove; this last section featured numbers choreographed by Hu, Associate Professor of Dance Dustyn Martincich and student McKayla Charney '21.

"This year I am a student director for the dance program and, this semester specifically, I was directing the Outdoor Dance Festival with Professor Er Dong Hu, as well as choreographing a piece to be performed in it. The entire process took a lot of time and effort, but it was incredibly rewarding. I would do it a hundred times over," Charney said.

"Choreographing a piece for this festival was different than anything I had done before. I have never created a dance to be performed outside, and on top of that, there was a time crunch. We ended up only having six or seven rehearsals, so we really had to get moving immediately," Charney said. "In the end, I was very proud of my dancers and the final product we produced. Many people were also involved behind the scenes,

so we could not have done it without all of the dancers and faculty that helped. Seeing the whole festival come together so seamlessly and seeing people outside and able to enjoy dance together in a way that we have never done before at Bucknell was amazing."

"Being able to still participate and experience the art of dance this semester has been a privilege. The Outdoor Dance Festival has been the first of its kind at Bucknell and, as we continue to navigate through this new environment, it is important that we all honor how far we have come and how far we can go," dancer John Peña '23 said.

Looking forward, the department of theatre and dance hopes to host more of their events in alternative and creative ways. Jenna Beutler '23, a member of the Community Engagement Team, shared that they are working on videotaped basic dance classes for children in the local Lewisburg community, movement classes for nearby nursing homes and dance classes for other students at the University. In lieu of the annual showcase and concert, they are planning a recorded performance to be streamed later in the semester.

## GARDEN AND FARM

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habitat, an experimental wetland space, an outdoor classroom and a pollinator habitat. Volunteers at the farm work together to weed, harvest, water and more.

Jen Schneidman Partica is the University Farm and Garden Coordinator. Partica has been working at the Lewisburg Garden since 2015 and began working at the Bucknell Farm in 2018. Partica loves the hands-on nature of working at the farm. "It's great to work with students, faculty, staff and community members, because I get to know so many interesting and amazing people and really feel a part of a community. I get to share what I know about growing really good food, and learn from others too. And it is so satisfying to harvest the food and know that I had a hand in making that happen," Partica said.

Since its founding in 2012, the garden has donated more than 10,000 pounds of organic produce to hot meal

and food bank programs.

"Sustainable agriculture is connected to bigger social, political and economic issues, too. At the farm and the garden, we work toward the goal of everyone having access to enough nutritious food. To that end, we donate produce to local food access programs, including free community dinners and food pantries, like the University's B-Eats," Partica said.

Students interested in helping out at the Lewisburg Community Garden can sign up to volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. No experience is necessary to begin volunteering. The process for renting plots typically opens in early March. The garden is always accepting volunteers, and they are also open to donations.

Interested students can sign up to volunteer at the University Farm on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Up to 20 students can volunteer per session, but spots

fill up very quickly.

"I started working at the farm because I was looking to branch out to other communities on campus. The farm has exceeded my expectations. I love connecting with the food and the amazing people there every week. Every time I go I leave having learned something new about the crops and the food growing process," volunteer Megan Waldron '22 said.

"I like volunteering at the farm because it gives me a chance to contribute to the community while also getting outdoors. It is a beautiful place to unwind after a long day and I love to meet new people when I go to volunteer there. It's so awesome when we are able to take food back to our dorms with us," volunteer Georgia Lambrakis '23 said.

To learn more about volunteering at the Lewisburg Community Garden and the University Farm, contact Jen Schneidman Partica at jsp030@bucknell.edu.

## Seventh Street Studio &amp; MakerSpace hosts Empty Bowls

Ellie Lowe  
Senior Writer

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots charity that brings awareness to local food insecurity. Artists create bowls that are presented at a charity event where people can purchase a meal (typically soup) with the bowl. All the proceeds are donated to community food banks and shelters. The Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace holds an annual fundraiser where students mold and paint the clay bowls that are later donated, the most recent of these events being held this past Saturday, Oct. 3.

The Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace had tables set up outside to follow COVID-19 guidelines. Each table had clay and molds. To make the bowl, students would get a sheet of clay and form it around a premade mold. There were a

variety of shapes and sizes that could be used, ranging from large circular to tiny triangular bowls. After the bowls were molded, students could then decorate their bowls by scratching into or putting stamps onto the clay. Once the bowls are all fired in the kiln, there will be an additional event where students can paint the bowls.

"It's a great event that a lot of students participate in and I think they have a lot of fun doing it," MakerSpace employee Maggie McConnell '22 said.

The original Empty Bowls was started in 1990 by a Michigan high school. Events have since grown in popularity over the years and have become a nationwide occurrence. The name Empty Bowls is meant to remind everyone that there are still people who are hungry and have "empty bowls" in their lives.

Students and organiza-

tions can host their own Empty Bowls event through the Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace. Many find it to be an enjoyable way to make a difference in the community.

"This event was a fun activity. We got to be artists while doing a good deed," Haley Scopelliti '23 said.

"I love the MakerSpace and I love the events that they put together. They create a space where people can come do very fun, interesting things and feel a sense of community," Mo Domah '21 said.

Upcoming events at the Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace include Screen Printing T-Shirts starting at 6 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 9 where the first 200 students will receive free t-shirts, and Vinyl Press Beams starting 6 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 10 where the first 200 students will receive free beams.

## University, Kappa Delta Rho face lawsuit for hazing

Sarah Baldwin  
Editor-in-Chief

On Sept. 22, John Jean '23 filed a lawsuit against the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho (KDR), the University's KDR Iota chapter and the University after a recent hazing incident that led to Jean's hospitalization. KDR Chapter President William Babcock '21, pledge master Dillon Duterra '21 and fellow pledge Nicholas Zanghetti '23 are also listed as defendants in the suit. The charges brought by Jean's lawyer, Aaron Freiwald, include hazing, negligence, negligent infliction of emotional distress and false imprisonment.

During KDR's Sept. 10-11 initiation, Jean, who was a fraternity pledge at the time, alleges that he and the other pledges were forced to consume excessive amounts of alcohol under the watch of Duterra and Babcock. After attempting to leave, Jean alleges that he was then punched by Zanghetti before falling to the ground and becoming unconscious. A University Public Safety Officer witnessed the assault and called 911.

The lawsuit states that Jean was transported to Evangelical Community Hospital and treated for alcohol poisoning and a head concussion. Jean also had multiple bruises on his body and cigarette burns on his feet.

The document goes on to allege that multiple KDR members were involved in covering up the incident, citing group messages where members supposedly planned on "getting their story straight." In addition, the University is accused of concealing the incident to the public; according to the suit, the Public Safety Officer who witnessed Jean's assault did not make a report to the Buffalo Valley Police Department, while the University made "sure there was no adverse action taken against the students involved in the hazing and against the fraternity itself."

"Bucknell University does not comment on matters in litigation," Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo said when reached for comment. "All Kappa Delta Rho chapter operations and activities are suspended pending a completed investigation."

This particular incident is not the first time the Iota chapter has suffered disciplinary consequences as a result of its hazing practices. In February of 2009, the National Fraternity of KDR temporarily revoked the chapter's official designation after a hazing incident; the chapter was subsequently reinstated in September of 2012.

Since this most recent incident, a letter asking for the abolition of Greek life on the University's campus has widely circulated among alumni — as of Oct. 8, it has amassed over 300 signatures. The letter recalls earlier unsuccessful attempts to disband Greek life, accusing the University of fearing "financial repercussions from students, parents, and alumni donors who glorify fraternity life." It goes on to state, "It's time to get rid of this exclusionary system that attracts and benefits a predominantly white, wealthy portion of our students." The University has provided no public statement at this time on the alumni petition.

## Stadler Center presents "Writers in Conversation": Jaquira Díaz

Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

The Stadler Center for Poetry and Literary Arts launched their "Writers in Conversation" series on Oct. 6 with a visit from fiction writer, essayist and journalist Jaquira Díaz. This series was curated by Chet La Sebre, assistant professor of English and director of the Stadler Center for Poetry and Literary Arts, and Andy Ciotola, program manager of the Stadler Center for Poetry and managing editor of West Branch, in the hopes of giving students opportunities to engage with established writers and benefit from such events.

The event was open to all students, faculty and staff, and it took place at noon over Zoom. Sebre opened up the event by welcoming all attendees and introducing the guest of honor. Throughout her career, Díaz has had her work featured in The Best American Essays yearly anthology, the Los Angeles Review of Books literary review journal, Rolling Stone magazine, The Sun magazine and The Kenyon Review, as well as having her memoir, "Ordinary Girls" published in 2019. Díaz was also an associate editor of West Branch magazine, housed at the University's Stadler Center.

The first half of the event consisted of a reading from the writer and introductory questions from Sebre. Díaz read a few excerpts from her piece titled "Baby Lollipops" and "Monster Stories" before turning over the rest of the time to the conversation portion of the event.

Sebre kicked off the questions by asking the writer about her process when it comes to writing about real people, as she does in "Monster Stories." Díaz responded,

"It feels like I have a responsibility to give voice to these stories, in a lot of ways because I come from marginalized communities and experienced living in poverty, now that I have access to so many

opportunities in the publishing world. I feel very much like that is my community; I'm writing about us, about my people and my family. Not taking away someone's agency and not invading their life is definitely something I struggle with, but I feel that it is important to speak to the larger world about my community and their issues."

Her advice to writers was: "Ask yourself, why are you doing this and why is it important for you to write about this, consider if you're taking something away, if you're robbing someone of their agency."

The second question was about Díaz's career trajectory and how she ended up where she is now from when she first decided to pursue writing. Díaz answered that she always knew she wanted to be a writer, ever since she was a little girl. She shared a specific memory in which she witnessed the celebration of a poet who had recently passed away and how, in that moment, it became clear to her that poets and writers were important, that they could change the world. At a young age, she took inspiration from other famous authors and wrote herself into their work. It wasn't until college that she really realized writing could be a career for her. She then fully immersed herself by taking literature and creative writing classes as well as applying to every scholarship and prize — she said, "I'm gonna make myself a writer and I'm gonna do whatever it takes." Díaz spoke a bit more about this grit and determination that comes with being a writer. She also touched upon the fact that her life as a writer and her life as Jaquira often intersect, and discussed the ways in which she manages her mental and physical health.

Stadler Fellows Jennifer Loyd and Laura Villareal were responsible for sending relevant links in the chat function throughout the event and procuring questions that attendees sent. Around 50 students,

faculty and staff attended the event over Zoom. Many attendees — including Assistant Professor of English Joe Scapellato, Visiting Assistant Professor of English Jim Buck, Zach Schaefer '21 and Andrei Bucaloiu '22 — utilized the chat to express their thoughts and pose questions to the visiting writer. Questions ranged from Díaz's time management to the influence of poetry on her work to insight into her writing process.

"I really appreciated her candor during the Q&A session. She was so frank about her experience and how she came to writing. Her descriptions of the way she goes about the writing process were honest and real, she definitely made me feel better about my own experiences with the craft," Nate Freed '21 said.

Another student who attended the event, Zoe Wilson '23, shared her reaction. "Her message to young writers to be mindful of when you may be stripping those you are writing about of their own autonomy really struck me as important. Additionally, her general approach to writing as a way to take on the systems of oppression which keep people impoverished or supply men the power to take sexual advantage of women, for instance, is very impressive," she said.

"Specifically, I really loved her discussion of writing her book about her own hometown and family. Seeing the passion she had in this subject made me feel more interested in the piece as well as understand on a deeper level what message she was trying to make. Also hearing about where she grew up allowed me to understand the many barriers she had to pass to get to where she is today," Olivia Scotti '22 said.

For those who missed this "Writers in Conversation" series, the Stadler Center's next upcoming event will be a poetry reading from Ross Gay, Sandra & Gary Sojka Poet-in-Residence, on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. over Zoom.



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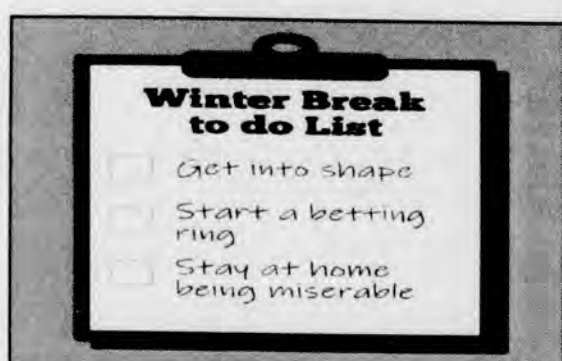


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## University students tackle quarantine part two



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

University students recently got some of the worst news they have received all year: an even longer winter break.

Students will now be stuck at home for 10 weeks, and the news has left many scrambling to figure out what they will do when the inevitable second wave of the coronavirus hits. Luckily, some students seem to have it all figured out.

When asked how he will be spending the long retreat from school, Drew Driven '22 optimistically told reporters that he is taking the time to "focus on himself." Like many at the beginning of quarantine in March, Driven vowed to use the time to work out, become well-read and start a new passion project. Also like many others, Driven came out of quarantine in poor physical shape, but is now a Netflix docuseries aficionado. This time will be different, or so he claims.

In order to make some extra money, Clara Cuning '23 plans to use Driven's naivety to her advantage. Cuning plans to start a betting ring that focuses on which

students will come back to campus with focaccia bread and scholarships, and which will return with an empty bank account and a Showtime subscription. Sorry, Driven, but your odds aren't looking so good right now.

Even though Driven and Cuning's outlooks seem to be the first step in yielding positive results, Renee Realist '21 has decided to acknowledge upfront that her stay at home will likely be a little bleak. "If it's anything like the spring, I'll be watching all my friends hang out during the entire time I'm home because 'the virus isn't real.' This time is a little special, though, because it'll get dark at 4 p.m. so I can more easily justify being miserable for most of the day," Realist said. At least she found a little bit of a bright side.

No matter how you plan to spend your time home, be prepared for all the family walks and continued politicization of the virus. In the meantime, be sure to stock up on injecting bleach and toilet paper, but don't worry about packing up your room, because we'll be back at the University in the spring — even if there is an apocalypse.

## What is a "full send"?

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If I've said it once, I've said it a million times: the coronavirus has taken over the writing world. Even mine, as you can see. I hope you know that I am not thrilled about it either, but that's how it's going for now.

That being said, last week the student body of the University boasted an incredible feat: zero active COVID-19 cases on campus. You read that right: Zero active cases.

All hell broke loose, as you can imagine. What do you get when there's a few thousand college kids with drinking problems stuck inside for weeks and then they discover there is actually nothing keeping them inside? A lot of beer. And a lot of full sends.

I watched a lot of the YouTube SteveWillDolt recently and I can't say I'm not impressed. The man is superhuman. Drinking 19 beers in an hour and 10 minutes? Done. Eating 4500 milligrams worth of gummy edibles? Done. Eating 30 In-n-Out burgers in one sitting? Done.

But once these bored and desperate (and did I mention bored?) college students found out there's no coronavirus on campus, it reminded me of "Animal House" mixed with SteveWillDolt's crazy feats.

"Yeah dude, the amount of alcohol consumed? Way more than what I thought

was possible. We filled three contractor bags' worth of empty beer cans after the weekend. There were four of us," Tyler Free '21 said. "Oh, come on. You didn't even ask the important question. Ask me if I had a good time or something," when asked if he blacked out.

We then asked if he had a good time, to which he replied, "Of course I did. Full send for the boys."

I didn't want to write the phrase "full send for the boys," but Free was adamant about it.

In other news, it is rumored that there was a contest to see who could run through a cornfield the fastest after drinking corn whiskey because physical activity after alcohol consumption is a) a good idea and b) definitely won't result in puking and rallying. If you refer back to the title of this article, that is the appropriate Jeopardy response to this situation.

The biggest betrayal I have ever heard of is those that do Edward Fortyhands, only to fall asleep before the party. What a shame it is to only half send.

College is the time for dumb things, and people, as we have seen, will always do dumb things, whether it's with their friends, alone, at college or during a pandemic. College is also prime time for full sends.

Keep wearing a mask — those numbers need to stay low. We don't want to be put on "double secret probation."

## Presidential debate presents promising options

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Last week, the world watched as two emotionally and intellectually stunted adults had a competition to see who could insult the other the most in a seemingly never-ending 90 minutes. That's right, the presidential debate was on Sept. 29, and it was exactly what we expected: a dumpster fire.

On the one hand, we currently have a president who made fun of his opponent for wearing a mask in the midst of a pandemic, refused to denounce white supremacists and denies climate change is a legitimate

problem when the world is up in flames. On the other hand, former Vice President Joe Biden allegedly hates football, a cornerstone of American democracy. It's definitely going to be a tough decision for many on Nov. 3.

Though Fox News anchor Chris Wallace was there to moderate, he quickly crawled underneath his desk and breaking down into tears as the President of the United States talked over him. The political system seems to be doing well.

Though the logistics of the debate were a little rough, some very good points were made. U.S. President Donald Trump made the assertion that the California forest

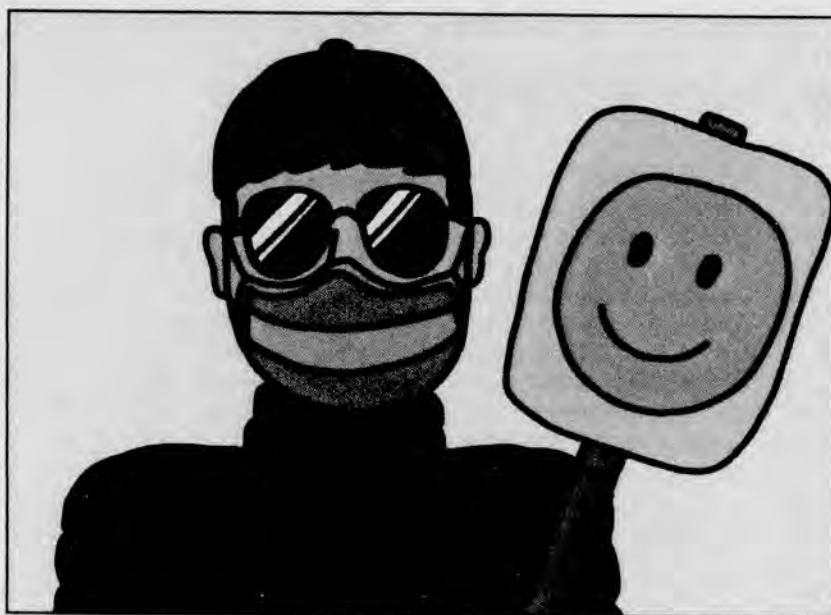
fires are, indeed, caused and exacerbated by fallen leaves in the forest, which led him to sign an executive order that sent all highly educated climate scientists to pick up leaves from the forest floor. Luckily Trump is the inventor of jobs, or else they would have been stuck with useless degrees hanging on office walls.

But don't let the mainstream media fool you: Biden had a point of the night, too. Biden's suggestion for Trump to "just shut up, man," quickly took the internet by storm. University polls show that this witty zinger has caused Biden's ratings to skyrocket, as it is the

first thing he has said throughout his entire campaign to which any American can relate. Natalie Naive '21 was especially persuaded by this. "So when Biden pushes back against a white supremacist, it pretty much erases his past racially problematic policies," Naive said. "It cancels out, like PEMDAS."

Overall, if the debate showed us anything, this election will pretty much match the status quo, leaving little reason to worry. As always, we can expect to see racism, sexual predators and, of course, straight white men on the ballot yet again this November.

## I saw my professor outside and he isn't a hologram after all



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As per every day, I walked over to lunch five minutes before the lunch period ended, and on my way I gazed upon a thing so horrifying and disturbing I did not know how to react. For the sake of my safety, and for the sake of everyone reading this, I will be forced to use several pseudonyms so as to not get a failing grade when the professor (you know who you are) gets ahead of this.

It was a fine fall day when I took my usual trip to haggle with the cafeteria workers over the amount of ketchup I can have (Answer: all of it, and anyone who

tells you otherwise is a big, fat, ugly liar who just does it to appease The Man. Ketchup hoarders!) when I noticed the pale, sweaty, balding face of \*Dr. Potluckesquire. He teaches a class on The Letter B (What does it stand for?) from 8:50 AM-4:00 PM every other day of the week, and I thought he only went out for appearances. Turns out he was "grabbing a drink" from the ELC. The only reason I use quotation marks is because he could just as easily DoorDashed it like every normal person would. Sure, it might cost \$35.99 for a small soda from Tennessee, but it's worth it to most of us. Anywho, I was thankful he didn't see me, otherwise, he would

have asked why my "B" midterm project was made out of seven popsicle sticks and submitted eleven days early without the accompanying seven-page essay.

The answer to this question is simple: I don't like wasting my sticks, and my roommate ate all my play-doh already.

Nevertheless, this encounter has left me shaken and forever cautious of whom might see me as I go about my day. Who's next? My friends? Will my family see me? I shudder at the thought. After all of this trauma I still have to ask: Which one of the faculty let him out? Who at the University dared to let him see the sunlight? I did not know, but

I definitely did not want to find out.

To conclude, in addition to the mask I have been wearing for seven straight weeks, I will also be wearing sunglasses, a baseball cap, and a very heavy jacket to further obscure my identity from these vile creatures. Although my attendance and output in class is constantly questioned by my teachers, I will never let it stop me from my quest to steal as many ketchup packets from the lunchroom as I possibly can. \*Dr. Potluckesquire can't stop me, the cafeteria workers can't stop me, and a lifetime ban from the ELC won't stop me either.

## How to tell your hookup you have covid

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I am sure you have all seen those horror story posts on 5thyear or Barstool or an equivalent — the one where someone receives a text that says, "One of your sexual partners has tested positive for this STD."

What you might not have seen is the same text, but saying you've been in contact with someone who had COVID-19. Even more worrisome, however, is that you could receive it for any

reason, not just from a sexual partner.

Today, I want to talk about tactics you can take advantage of if you find out you have the coronavirus and the best way to tell your hookup, specifically, that you have it.

Text them a simple "You might want to get tested!" And maybe add a smiley face or something at the end to lessen the blow.

Hire a carrier pigeon to take them a detailed note. Extra points if you write the entire thing in cursive and even more points if it's in

old English.

Telephone game. Tell someone to tell someone else and then have that someone tell someone else until it gets back to your hookup.

Send them an Edible Arrangement with a note saying they need to get a test done.

Send them a private message on Zoom if you have a class together. Extra points if you send it to the whole class.

Send them a mask with your note written across the part that goes on your face.

Send them a 30-rack of Natural Light with Sharpie

marks around where you touched so they know where not to touch, and include a note explaining this is for the celebration when they get their negative test back — whenever that may be.

If you had to do a walk of shame and borrowed clothes from them, wash the clothes and return them with a note.

Find their car and use your finger to write in the dust on the hood. "You might want to get a COVID test."

Just tell them like a decent person would. But that's ridiculous. Who would do that?



# LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH: A PREVIEW OF OCTOBER

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Even amidst the ongoing pandemic, the University's various resources and organizations on campus have tried to make campus life as normal as possible. Part of creating

a "normal" atmosphere at the University is continuing to recognize and celebrate LGBTQ+ rights. As October is LGBTQ+ History Month, it is only fitting to consider the long, arduous path in achieving these rights and the work that still needs to be done.

## What is LGBTQ History Month?

LGBTQ History Month is an annual observation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer history, alongside observing the history of the gay rights and civil rights movements. One of the goals of the month is to spread awareness and public understanding

of the complexity of sexual orientation and to extend recognition of sexual orientations beyond gender binaries. In addition, the month promotes awareness of the LGBTQ+ people who have contributed widely to society, whether in social, legal or political roles.

## How was the event created?

According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)'s website, LGBTQ History Month was first created in 1994 when Missouri high school teacher Rodney Wilson founded the event. At the time of the event's creation, Wilson was the first openly gay public school teacher in the state of Missouri. Initially, the month of October was chosen for the event because of its proximity to National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, as well as to the anniversary of the first LGBTQ National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on Oct. 14, 1979. GLAAD's website says that since the establishment of October as LGBTQ History Month, the month has also included Spirit Day on Oct. 20 (an event during which people wear purple to support LG-

BTQ youth), Ally Week to celebrate allies against LGBTQ+ bullying, and a remembrance of Matthew Shepard's murder on Oct. 12, which initiated the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Act.

For the 15th anniversary of the LGBTQ History Month celebration, the LGBTQ History Month's website is praising the achievements of different lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender icons for each day of the month. This year so far, the website has posted for Russian LGBTQ+ activist Nikolay Alexeyev, the first openly gay African American district judge Deborah Batts, Minnesota representative Angie Craig, poet Emily Dickinson, transgender activist Felicia Elizondo and director and producer Rob Epstein.

## History Behind LGBTQ Rights

Although not all of them may have been covered in school, there are several key dates to know in

terms of the progression of LGBTQ+ rights. According to CNN, some of these dates include:

## THE 20TH CENTURY THE 21ST CENTURY

- 1924 - Henry Gerber creates the Society for Human Rights, the first gay rights organization to be recorded
- 1950 - Harry Hay, an activist, founds the Mattachine Society, which created social acceptance for homosexuals as one of the first lasting gay rights groups in the United States
- 1961 - Illinois is the first state to decriminalize homosexuality
- 1969 - The police storming of Stonewall Inn in New York City becomes one of the catalysts for the gay civil rights movement
- 1973 - the American Psychiatric Association removes homosexuality from its DSM-II mental disorders list
- 1974 - Kathy Kozachenko is the first openly LGBTQ official elected to any public office
- 1978 - Gilbert Baker designs and sews the first rainbow flag as a symbol of pride and hope for the LGBTQ community
- 1979 - the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights is the first of its kind, attracting 75,000 to 125,000 people
- 1995 - The Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act is issued in 1994, enforcing harsher sentences if victims were selected due to their race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability or sexual orientation
- 1996 - Hawaii is the first state to refute former President Bill Clinton's Defense of Marriage Act, citing that the state cannot withhold the right of same-sex marriage from couples

Although these are not nearly all of the milestones in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, this is but a snippet of the progress we have made over the past decade. However,

that is not to say that this progress is nearly completed. All of us — whether University students, family members or members of the local community — must continue

- 2004 - Massachusetts holds the first legal same-sex marriage in the United States
- 2011 - The ban on gay men and lesbians from serving in the military is revoked
- 2012 - The Democratic Party is the first major U.S. political party to support same-sex marriage on a public stage at the Democratic National Convention
- 2013 - United States v. Windsor rules that legally married same-sex couples are rightfully able to receive federal benefits
- 2015 - The U.S. Supreme Court declares same-sex marriage legal in all 50 states
- 2016 - U.S. President Barack Obama announces the Stonewall National Monument, the first national monument dedicated to LGBTQ+ rights
- Jun. 2020 - The Supreme Court rules that LGBTQ+ workers are protected from discrimination under federal law
- Aug. 2020 - The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals rules that policies segregating transgender students from their peers are unconstitutional

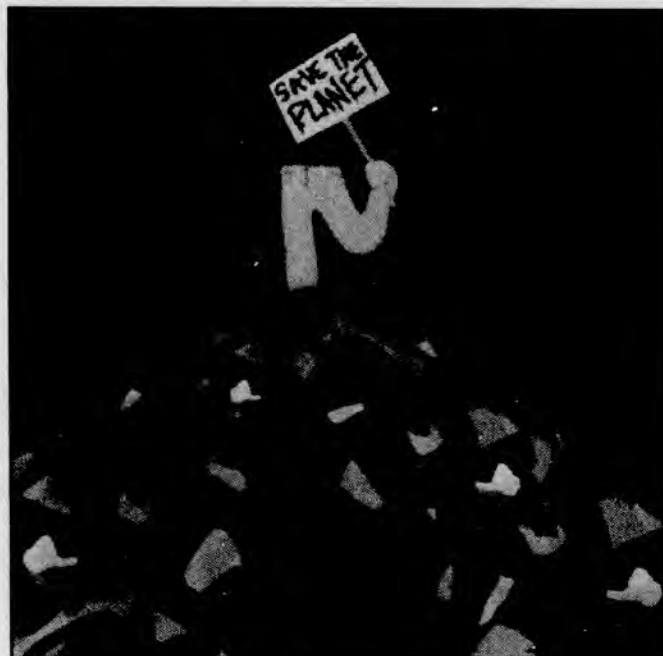
to fight for the rights of ourselves and others, regardless of whether or not we identify with a specific group. In order to continue our success and make sure we are on

the path to more success in the future, we should celebrate LGBTQ+ month this October, remain active and supportive and refuse to be complacent.



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## The denim revolution



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The fashion industry is unnecessarily damaging to the environment and to its low-level employees. American-made fashion brands no longer have to outsource manufacturing or promote fast fashion; this slow re-shoring leads to an increase of non-biodegradable waste in landfills in the United States and the use of pesticides to increase output, at the expense of farming communities whose health is compromised by these harmful chemicals. Fashion is sold to us as a form of expression, but what many consumers are blind to — or choose to ignore — is the lasting negative externalities of production and consumption that it has on our environment and global society. Levi's is taking the steps in the right direction to become the leading brand in the fashion industry, choosing to resell their products rather than allow good clothing to languish in landfills.

The informative 2015 documentary "The True Cost" explains that the fashion industry is the second-most polluting industry behind oil and petroleum. The film details how the pressure to increase output while maximizing profits led to the shift of manufacturing overseas, where multinational corporations could provide much lower wages with the assent of foreign governments, themselves eager to develop their industry through the entry of multinational corporations. It shows the landfills

and the piles of clothes dumped in foreign countries, who are suffocated by the clothes that we have thrown out after they have gone out of style. The changing styles seem to be a hoax to limit the life cycle of clothing items so consumers toss out the "old" and "dated" pieces that they only wore a few times and indulge in new items, increasing profits for multinationals at the expense of our environment. And it seems that Levi's is finally seeking change after being a major contributor for a long time. They shared the lifestyle impact of one pair of Levi's 501 Jeans, the only model of jeans that they still manufacture in the United States. One pair of Levi's 501s alone is said to equate to 33.4kg of carbon dioxide emissions, the consumption of 3,781 liters of water, the use of 12 meters squared of land per year and eutrophication equal to 48.9 g PO4-e. To put this into perspective, Levi's was said to have generated about 3.1 billion U.S. dollars in 2019 in the Americas alone, according to the Statista Research Department — that is a great deal of denim products sold, to the lasting detriment of our environment.

As previously noted, Levi's has taken a step back and begun to engage with the resale industry, allowing buyers to return their old Levi's items to their stores where they can receive anywhere from \$5 to \$35 in exchange, according to Business Insider. When visiting Levi's SecondHand website, one is confronted by a statement that reads: "If everybody bought one used item this year, instead of

buying new, it would save 449 million pounds of waste. With Levi's SecondHand, we're inviting you to join us in a more sustainable future." It is reassuring to see one of the leading generators of pollutive production taking responsibility for its impact, rather than ignoring it or placing blame on other parties. By effectively lengthening the life cycle of their denim, putting less of a strain on the production process to keep pushing out new and fresh looks and in this way, Levi's is effectively putting the brakes on the "fast fashion" industry, with which both consumers and producers can barely keep up. Vogue includes a quote from Levi's Chief Marketing Officer Jen Sey in their article who explains that "buying a used pair of Levi's saves approximately 80% of the CO2 emissions, and 1.5 pounds of waste, compared to buying a new pair. As we scale this, that will really start adding up."

I do think that Levi's SecondHand drop is a significant step in the right direction. When such a major brand makes this kind of change, I believe others will follow in hopes of attracting more consumers, who have been turned away from buying their clothes in the past due to the unsustainable production process. It is important that other brands in the fashion industry follow in order to make a substantial and lasting impact on the still-growing landfills and pollution, as well as the exploitation of workers.

## Will Trump commit to a peaceful transfer of power?

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In a world rife with political turbulence and tumultuous events, it can sometimes be easy to simply move on from one story to the next. But nearly two weeks ago at a White House press conference, U.S. President Donald Trump refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power should he lose his bid for re-election in November. This event has been overlooked by more recent developments — such as the president's fulminant health concerns — but it is important to look deeper and acknowledge the severity of Trump's refusal.

Executive transfer of power in the United States is typically without incident; should the sitting president lose re-election, their title of Commander-in-Chief is passed on to the victorious opposition. Yet even before the press conference a few weeks ago, Trump has been wary to yield to such a custom, suggesting that the upcoming election will be rife with corruption and fraudulent votes, further insinuating that a Republican defeat would speak only to substantial Democratic tampering rather than legitimate success.

However, during the press conference, Trump was quite specific about his concerns. "You know that I've been complaining very strongly about the ballots, and the ballots are a disaster. Get rid of the ballots and you'll have a very peaceful — there won't be a transfer, frankly. There will be a continuation," he said. His ire has been derived from his suspicions over the mail-in ballots that will be used for this election, suggesting that they are easily manipulated and rigged.

But mail-in voting is a relatively well-established practice, and shows no significant risk of fraud, despite what the president may sug-

gest. It was first used in the United States by the military during the Civil War, and over 30 million mail-in votes were cast in the 2016 election that brought Trump to power. Granted, there will be a definite influx of voters who will use these absentee ballots in 2020 as a result of fears over COVID-19; in Pennsylvania alone, the number of requested absentee ballots has reached almost 2.5 million, a 2,138% increase over the previous election. Yet the fact remains that absentee ballots were not an exigency of the pandemic, but simply a deployment of a rather common staple of the modern American electoral system.

The supposed fraudulent Trump theorizes about with absentee ballots is significantly overstated. Mail-in voting is an imperfect system, but outright forging votes is both incredibly difficult to manage and can result in a steep fine — along with a potentially lengthy prison sentence. It is a complex crime to commit with little reward, and the likelihood of actual voter fraud in any election is so small that it reaches the point of irrelevance. A compilation of various studies regarding voter fraud, compiled by the Brennan Center, suggests little ambiguity on this issue; from university studies to courts' opinions, to even governmental investigations on the matter, there has been a consistent conclusion that it is not nearly as large a threat to democracy as Trump would suggest it is.

That is not to say that there is no voter fraud, in the form of double voting or even voting for a deceased citizen. In such cases, there should always be effective checks to ensure that it does not occur and may sway the results of an election. But Trump's insistence on being rid of mail-in voting is both irrational and — more importantly — a blatant form of voter suppression.

As mentioned previously, the amount of citizens requesting voting ballots has risen across the country. It is worth noting that, according to an

AP-NORC poll, a majority of Biden supporters will vote by mail, while a majority of Trump supporters will likely vote in-person. This clear disparity might help elucidate why Trump is so keen on doing away with absentee ballots; without that method of voting, Democrats could be less inclined to go out in-person to support their candidate.

To that end, it is no wonder that the president refused to commit to a peaceful transfer. He has repeatedly insisted upon the lack of validity found in mail-in voting and how it will unfairly affect the upcoming election. It is a conspiracy that he helped perpetuate and it is now providing false justification for his rash actions. It is comforting to note, however, that on the Thursday following Trump's press conference, a unanimous resolution passed by the Senate reaffirmed its commitment to a peaceful transfer of power.

But that transition, should it occur, will likely not transpire as soon as anyone likes. It will certainly not be confirmed on Nov. 3. Mail-in voting is not new, but it is undeniable that the sheer volume of ballots cast in this manner will create a significant delay towards determining the results of the 2020 election. With Republicans more likely to vote in person, there might be a lead for the current president come Election Night. Were that to happen, it is very possible that Trump will do everything he can to discredit the new votes in the days, weeks, or even months, following election night and declare himself the victor.

If that does indeed happen, it is paramount that we remember that fraudulent voting is not nearly as common as the president claims it is, and that whoever may be leading on the third may not be as more ballots are confirmed. This election is unprecedented, but so long as we are not bogged down by constant lies and misinformation, we can be prepared for it.

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## The truth is stranger: Thoughts on the first 2020 presidential debate



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Breaking the precedent of almost every other presidential debate ever, the Sept. 29 debate between current U.S. President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden served not only to somehow miss the mark on already subterranean expectations, but to deliver the American people another fresh dose of intense reality and fear. Marked by a consistent lack of decorum, frequent interruptions and comparatively little discussion of substantive policy ideas, this debate was remarkably uninformative to the American people. "I found myself repeatedly wondering why anyone who, like me, isn't paid to watch the debate stayed with it for more than about the first 10 minutes," CNN commentator Chris Cillizza said. Anyone who managed to stick with it longer than that is now suddenly well-acquainted with feelings of cringe, sadness and fear, all wrapped up into one.

I would be remiss to pretend that the parties were equal in their disruption of normal courtesy; moderator Chris Wallace only needed to stop the debate to remind one candidate of their campaign's commitment to the debate rules. Trump is, quite literally, an impossible person to contain within the confines of appropriate decorum. Wallace's gumption was still trumped within the first 10 minutes by a repeated barrage of vindictive interruptions of Biden's speaking time. The two minutes of uninterrupted discussion at the beginning of a question is a vital aspect of debates, and is a rule for which the president showed particular disdain. Especially in a world where social media has polarized the political sphere and ensured that political opposites exist in totally separate univers-

es, those two minutes, uninterrupted, is positively vital to have any chance of breaking such well-insulated echo chambers.

About 73 million people tuned in to see the president interrupt about 73 times. His performance was also characterized by a flurry of outright lies, including claims of Biden's support of Medicare for All, flat-out inaccurate job-growth numbers and unsubstantiated claims of "voter fraud." This was compounded by Trump's failure to condemn white supremacy on the national stage that night, most would agree that "stand back and stand by" is more a statement of forbearance than disavowal.

As a consequence of the debate's relative cacophony, voters were unable to take away any substantive points on policy issues. Only one actual new piece of meta-information surfaced from this 90-minute unintelligible tirade: that Biden is actually capable of placing together coherent thoughts to share with the American people. In January, I wrote of the Democratic primary debate that Biden "is always a hilarious character to watch... subject to his signature gaffes and self-timeouts." While the hilarity has certainly subsided with the confirmation of his nomination at the Convention in late August, he performed markedly better here than in the earlier primary season. Despite the adverse circumstances, Biden held his own at the debate by attempting to speak through Trump's meandering attacks to discuss his own policy positions. The keyword here is "attempt," since Biden, who frequently touts his "presidential" attitude, delivered multiple remarks towards his opponent that obviously trend towards argumentative and, yes, "unpresidential."

One of the lighter moments of the debate is when Biden explicitly said that he opposes the

Green New Deal, a House resolution detailing sweeping policies to combat climate change. This led Trump to quip, "You just lost the radical left," which led me to think of two things: one, that this would be Biden's problem, not Trump's, and two, that remark actually served to weaken Trump's own recurring argument that Biden is an inept marionette of the more Democratic party's progressive wing.

However, this debate was straight-up horrible. I've watched reruns of most of the debates in recent memory, and while I disagreed with plenty of the points that many of the candidates made, not one of them made me afraid for our nation's future. But here we are: it's 2020, so it makes sense to have such a disquieting (and yet so ambiguous and uninformative) debate fill our headlines as tens of thousands of Americans begin the electoral process. We knew this would be bad; we knew that we'd be lied to, that there'd be fireworks, that people from both sides would decisively declare victory afterward. But I genuinely thought I'd be spared fears about the future of our nation. The related SNL skit somehow served to quell nerves, perhaps because there was at least a general knowledge that it was all an act.

In the final analysis of our first presidential debate, the conventional adage holds that truth is stranger than fiction, and in 2020, I guess it also holds to wish the truth of last Tuesday would be some other reality altogether.

If you are an American citizen here in Lewisburg this fall, you are eligible to vote in Pennsylvania. It takes about four minutes to register, and you can do so easily at bucknell.turbovote.org.

## Versace deploys plus-size models in Milan Fashion Week 2020

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With the ascendancy of the Black Lives Matter movement and other social justice movements, the social foundation has been laid to consider the needs of all walks of life, and especially the often-exclusionary limits of the fashion industry. This trade has a long way to go in terms of equity, but a major fashion house, Versace, has recently taken a step in the right direction by featuring plus-size models during their runway show in Milan Fashion Week at the end of September.

Versace, a brand known for bold prints and its Medusa logo, showcased a few pieces of its Spring/Summer 2021 collection on three plus-size models for the first time in the company's history. For an industry that has been thoroughly scrutinized for the lack of diversity in its models and apparel, this is a major development. I have long been an advocate for equity in the fashion industry, believing that chic clothing should be accessible to all body types and genders. One of my chief goals is to create a clothing line that caters to oft-overlooked demographics. The LGBTQ+ community needs comfortable clothing that appropriately reflects their gender expression, doctors require

fashionable apparel that has flexibility, people who live in harsh climates need durable attire, and a wide range of body types — from petite to plus — all need clothing that adapts to their differential sartorial needs.

Versace taking the first leap to incorporate a diverse set of models, which were plus-sized and racially diverse, paves the way for other big houses in the fashion industry to follow. Versace's choice of showcasing looks similar to those seen on other "typical" models that are way too commonly seen in the fashion world — being tall, slim, lean and white — allows spectators to understand that these fashion pieces can be worn by anyone regardless of body type. By placing these plus-size models in clothing that embodies the same theme as the overall show, rules out the plus-sized figures as "the other" and much rather includes them and normalizes their body types.

From a financial perspective, incorporating these models into the show allows the company to expand its consumer base from those who fit our narrow societal standards of beauty. For the first time, some groups are seeing models that look like them. Instead of appealing to a market of slim, lean figures, the company can now extend to the plus-size categories — in turn contributing to greater sales and

revenue. In the past, major designers seemed to cater mostly to size-twos, but now, more consumers who do not fit such a slender "desirable" size can shop for their own needs as well. Beyond high-end designers, "everyday-wear" brands will likely utilize this couture breakthrough in their lines, creating a variety of sizes, shapes and lengths to tailor different body shapes.

Additionally, including these groups in the runway shows will promote self-love. In a time in which many people face body image issues, eating disorders and other manifestations of mental illness, normalizing all body types encourages a spirit of compassion and love for ourselves. When consumers see that people who look like them are walking in large runway shows like Versace's, these individuals gain self-confidence and realize that beauty is not exclusive to any one body shape.

As a staple of the fashion world, Versace is using their publicity and influence as a vehicle to drive the fashion industry towards diversity, inclusivity and equity for all body types and skin colors. There is still a long way to go in terms of equity, improvement and social change, but I am excited to see the uprising remodeling that will occur in the fashion world that is especially needed, in a time that society is still lacking social justice

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

### The problem with Trump's taxes

Trey Gaither  
BIPP Intern

Can you name a phenomenon so absurd or ludicrous that many people today cannot seem to comprehend it? Would you imagine a unicorn, or perhaps something as far fetched as total world peace? Here's another, recently, the American citizenry has come privy to news that highlights one of the greatest ploys ever committed to gain leverage within the American financial tax sector. A stunning news article leaked by The New York Times indicts U.S. President Donald Trump, placing him under scrutiny for the minuscule amounts of federal taxes he had paid over the past several years. The president paid all of \$750 in the years 2016 and 2017, and absolutely nothing for 10 of the past 15 years.

Suzanna Garment, tax auditor and author of "Scandal: The Crisis of Mistrust in American Politics," offers insight into how the president allegedly paid such slim tax bills in the recent past. The president has evidently utilized his various roles within the economy to evade paying high taxes, with much of his avoidance strategy deeply rooted in highly-codified financial leveraging schemes. Beginning with Trump's challenging of the modern political structure during his 2016 campaign, he forwent the opportunity to share his tax statements, claiming the IRS had been and is still auditing him. Many Americans later found significant holes in his argument; the IRS themselves have since come out with public

statements that addressed their role in the audit, along with a statement in support of Trump revealing his tax statements. So why has Trump continuously declined to disclose his federal tax documentation?

Since first declaring his intentions to run for the presidency in 2015, Trump has effectively broken every time-honored norm in American politics. Once assuming office, Trump, unlike any other president before him, elected to not place any of his business relations into a blind trust. Blind trusts have become an effective way for presidents to limit their conflicts of interests, allowing the commodity to continue in growth without the direct imposition of the existing shareholder — in this case, Trump himself. When taking an even deeper look at the structure of Trump's business, many tax auditors found major cases of debt hemorrhaging. In an attempt to limit the amount of income tax he had to report, the president leveraged high amounts of debt against the income of his businesses. In short, Trump's businesses were and are financing high amounts of debt, and come 2022, the majority of it will come to maturity. However, according to the president in a press meeting, "It is all fake news, made up of total fakeness"; Trump is utilizing the same tactics to withstand the same pressure he had in 2016, when he was first asked to reveal his tax statements. According to the president, in an economic system that aims to limit the liberties of the wealthy, the tactics he uses to limit his tax payment are more than legal.

Trump's tax evasion scheme may be legal in his eyes, but his opinion on the issue should be reflected in light of the generally unorthodox nature of the president's behavior, which extends, naturally, to his business practices. To a large extent, Trump's financial concerns may be actively used to generate losses with the intention of subduing his tax liability, manipulating existing tax laws in order to pay almost nothing. Hemorrhaging high debt leverage is a popular tool used by many uber elitists and capitalists as a way to limit their taxation — the Lehman Brothers provide an ideal example of this strategy, which was revealed in 2008. Trump's strategy operates on this basic principle, albeit with some more eccentric measures; his successful attempts to hemorrhage debt for sequential fiscal tax years are certainly cause for suspicion. Moreover, the president's repeated refusal reveal his tax statements effectively mask the identity of the creditors to whom the president is indebted.

Does it seem befitting that an individual who actively finances their business under such a 'loss model' does so to avoid paying their normally much higher taxes? If so, it only underlines the absolute necessity to rectify our country's top-sided tax system. If such tax assessments are supposedly based on fairness and equity, it does not seem fair to allow an individual to take advantage of such broad loopholes and minimize their tax burden.

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# LGBTQ+ RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

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In addition to the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans\* and Queer resources,

the University offers a wide range of additional support systems to welcome all students who are members of the LGBTQ+ community or are allies. With these in hand, students

may feel empowered to help create a more inclusive and supportive campus community.

Each year, the University holds a special celebration for National Coming Out Day on

Oct. 11. Students and faculty wear rainbow shirts reading "Celebrate Difference" and pose outside of Rooke Chemistry for a photo. This year's photo took place on Oct. 8.

## GENDER AND SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

The University partners with the Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) to serve as a resource to those groups who are currently disenfranchised by working with all members of the student body, faculty and staff to establish a plan of action in the advancement of a more inclusive environment. GSA holds events such as the community dinner on Trans\* awareness, showing of movies in support of the LGBTQ Community, weekly

meetings on race and sexuality and a register at Uptown. The GSA has previously had a presentation on queer parenting by a University alum to establish tips on raising gender non-conforming kids.

The GSA also meets with other clubs on campus to foster a more connected and supportive environment. These community-building meetings will develop the culture that GSA and the Office of LGBTQ resources

wish to see develop on campus. Additionally, the GSA holds monthly dinners where they show a film and follow with a discussion where audience members can address relevant and pressing social issues. One of the more important events, however, that the GSA encourages students to attend is the Vigil, whose goal is to pay respects to those transgender individuals lost to the obscene amount of violence

that is regularly enacted upon the community. The Vigil has been an effective way for students, faculty and staff to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community on campus. Finally, the GSA also works to bring LGBTQ+ speakers to campus; in the past, the club has invited lecturers such as Vanessa Gonzalez, a trans activist and comedian who shared her experiences in the transgender community.

## LGBTQA ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The LGBTQA Alumni Committee provides leadership and a supportive presence for LGBTQA University students through encouragement, programming and mentoring. They are an incredible presence

for the LGBTQA Committee and provide experience and opportunities for students to participate in planning events. The Alumni Committee meets annually on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend and often has

other events that students can attend that same weekend. They also host a reception for LGBTQA alumni, friends and supporters during Reunion Weekend. To stay in touch or learn more about the LGBTQA Alumni

Committee, contact Co-Chairs Jennifer Carter '93 (jen@tcarter.com) or Ann Malcom '80 (annmb59@gmail.com), or subscribe to their mailing list, which you can find on the LGBTQA Alumni Committee website.

## GENDER NEUTRAL AND TRANSGENDER ACCESSIBLE HOUSING OPTION

Another notable resource available for LGBTQ+ students is the Gender Neutral and Transgender Accessible Housing Option. This is a potential housing accommodation for upper-class students looking to live in an area independent of sex or gender. In order to choose this option, you will need to contact Housing Ser-

vices at housing@bucknell.edu or call them at 570-577-1195 for more information. First-year students will not have this option as they are assigned rooms based on their gender selected in the common application. Despite that, the Office of LGBTQ resources will work with the needs of the students who identify as transgender,

are questioning their gender identity or do not subscribe to gender classifications.

Lastly, if you are feeling unsafe and unsupported as an LGBTQ+ student on campus, you can stop by the second floor of the Blaine Langone Center at the Dean of Students Office, or call 570-577-1691 with any ques-

tions or concerns. They are committed to ensuring students' safety and comfort in order to create an ideal learning environment. If you have any questions regarding the resources available here on campus, contact ERI McCoy with the Office of LGBTQ resources for more information (wlm004@bucknell.edu).



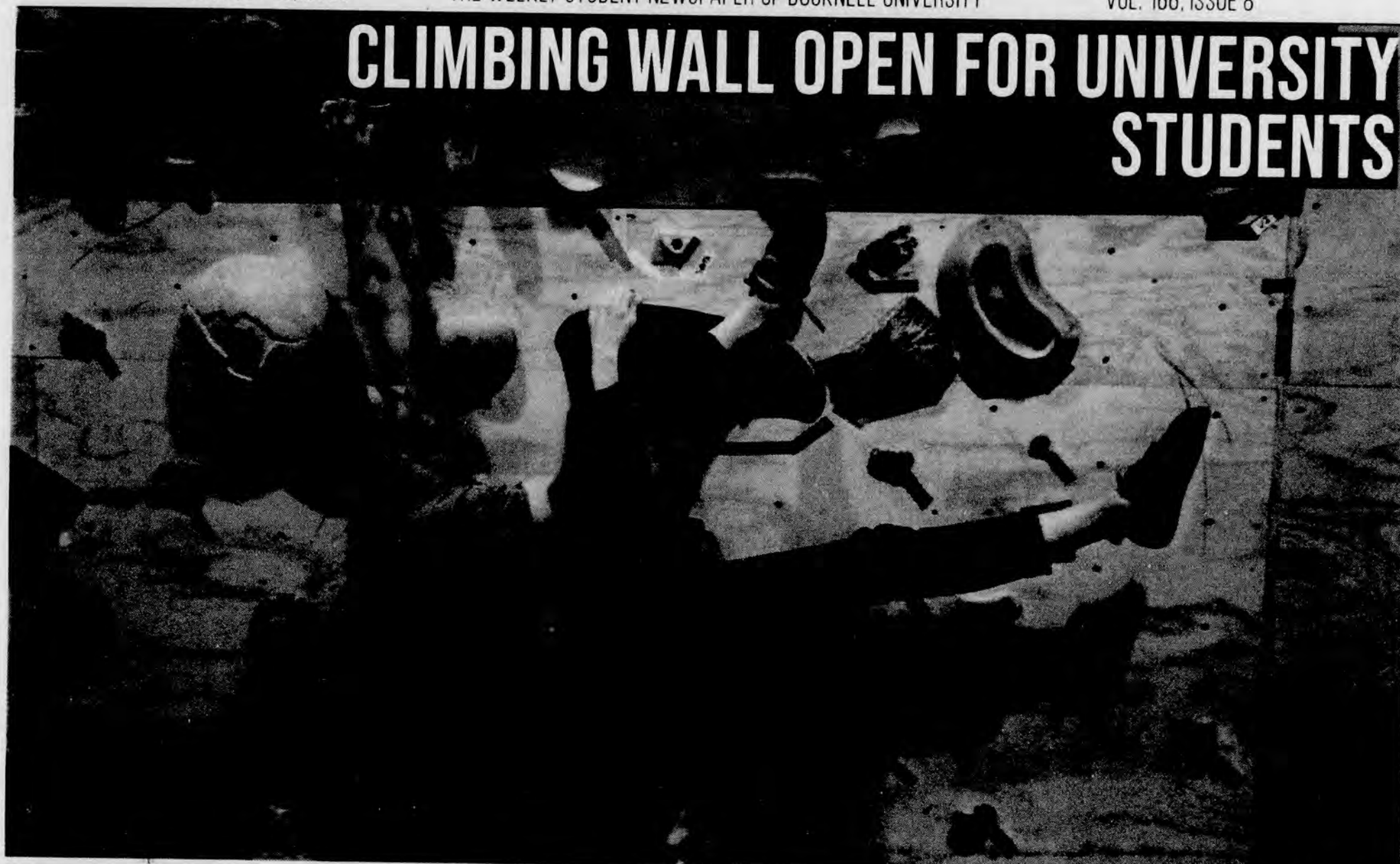
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## CLIMBING WALL OPEN FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



UNIVERSITY STUDENT PRACTICES CLIMBING HOLDS ON THE UNIVERSITY CLIMBING WALL  
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PRESIDENT BRAVMAN

#### SPECIAL FEATURE B3

LOCAL CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT:  
KATIE EVANS

Juliette Gaggini  
Contributing Writer

The University's Climbing Wall, located in the Gerhard Fieldhouse, is open to all students each night of the week from 6-9 p.m. Renovated in 2019, the wall features 12+ foot high bouldering walls with multiple angles and innovative setting, a MoonBoard climbing wall, multiple hand cracks and plenty of training options to improve your climbing.

There is no fee for students, even those who are inexperienced and need training. Students can reserve their climbing wall reservation 48 hours in advance through the University website.

"The climbing wall is a really inclusive space where anyone can sign up. It is a different type of fitness than running on the treadmill or taking a fitness class and it is a good way to get people out of their comfort zone," Bri Kropina '21 said.

The Climbing Wall is a part of the Outdoor Education and Leadership (OEL) CLIM-Bucknell program, which teaches student climbing techniques. The skills learned on the bouldering wall are translated to off-campus locations, including the Cowan Climbing Challenge Course and surrounding state parks. The OEL website says their climbing program helps "students grow as leaders, work in teams, and build relationships with

other students on campus."

The University Recreation Services also helps to manage the Climbing Wall. The Recreation Services team encourages members of the community to establish and lead healthier lifestyles. The Climbing Wall is just one of the great opportunities that they provide for students to get out and remain active. All students are also able to make reservations for recreational swimming, use of the fitness cen-

ter and group fitness classes such as yoga, Zumba, HIIT, Barre and bike classes.

"Recreation is important not only to our students' physical and mental health, but is a key driver in creating a connection with campus. Activities outside of the classroom at the University help our students build interpersonal skills and enhance their academic success. During these challenging times, students are looking for

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### Pennsylvania voter registration deadline approaches

Sarah Baldwin  
Editor-in-Chief

With the general election just over three weeks away, many are scrambling to ensure that they are able to cast a ballot. In Pennsylvania, like most other states, the deadline to register to vote or request an absentee or mail-in ballot is rapidly approaching.

To be eligible to vote in Pennsylvania, one must be at least 18 years of age, have been a U.S. citizen for at least 30 days before the election and have lived in their election district for at least 30 days prior to Election Day. The state's deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 3 election, whether online, by mail or in-person, is Oct. 19. Applications can be found on the official Pennsylvania state government website, but all applications must be received by

the prospective voter's county voter registration office by this date to be accepted.

Pennsylvania voters with a valid reason may request an absentee ballot; this includes college students, members of the military, those who may be traveling outside of their municipality due to work or those with a physical disability or illness. Conversely, any voter can apply for a mail-in ballot without needing to provide a valid reason. Online applications for either of these ballots can be filled out at [VotesPA.com](https://www.votespa.com/)/ApplyMailBallot with a valid Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID number. Voters can also print and mail their request by visiting [VotesPA.com/MailBallot](https://www.votespa.com/MailBallot), or may apply in person at their county board of elections office. Requests must be received by 5 p.m. on

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## Looking forward: Spring 2020 semester

Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

The University has made it nine weeks into the fall semester and, due to all community members' commitment to safety and diligence, may very well finish the semester on-campus. This turns our attention to the next challenge: the Spring 2021 semester. On Oct. 1, just over halfway through the semester, students received an email from University Provost Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak detailing the current updates for the upcoming semester. Mermann-Jozwiak began by stating, "As the pandemic continues, we have finalized necessary adjustments to the spring semester calendar, with a goal of safely continuing in-person education with our current model of hybrid instruction."

The start of the Spring 2021 semester has been pushed back from the usual mid-January date to Feb. 1, 2021. This, paired with our early end date of the current semester, results in a 10-week winter break. Mermann-Jozwiak's email explains that doing so ensures professors ample time to prepare their courses for both in-person and remote instruction, allows for pre-arrival COVID-19 testing again and guarantees careful planning of the move-in process.

The email also shared plans to eliminate spring break, similar to the lack of a fall break this past semester. While the reasoning behind both of these decisions revolves around safety concerns and a matter of controlling the unnecessary spread of the virus, they pose issues concerning the mental health of students and faculty alike. Many students have reported feeling increasingly stressed and overworked with the absence of a mid-semester break to recharge. Additionally, to touch upon a more trivial yet understandable matter, some students feel that they are missing the more fun, social side of their college experience.

Kate Normandin '23 spoke to these concerns about mental health, from both a lack of breaks and an overall sense of stress. "While I am excited that students are allowed back on campus after a (hopefully) successful fall semester, I am worried about the mental health and fatigue students and professors will experience. I think that the school will have to take measures to ensure students are staying engaged and professors have support as well," Normandin said.

As for the end of the upcoming spring semester, classes are set to end on May 7 and the last day of finals will be May

17. Unlike the current semester, the administration's goal is to "hold final exams in person." This end date, remaining similar to previous semesters, and the hoped-for format of finals is the University's first step toward assuming a sense of normalcy that resembles pre-COVID life. Furthermore, while Commencement is scheduled for May 23, Mermann-Jozwiak noted that "plans will depend on health and safety limitations presented by prevailing pandemic conditions in early 2021 and are subject to change."

While this sense of uncertainty is similar to that of this past summer, the University community shares the beginnings of a newfound sense of hope. "After a very successful fall semester under the new circumstances we are living under, I'm very hopeful about the promise of the spring. At the moment, however, due to the lack of a COVID-19 vaccine, I don't foresee any easing on the social distancing rules on campus for the spring semester. The most important priority should be that of providing a safe and healthy environment for students while still practicing social distancing," Vice President of Administration Caroline Tattersfield '22 said.

"Unfortunately, I think

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Sarah Haber  
News Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

French President Emmanuel Macron ordered a nighttime curfew in nine cities, including Paris, to decrease the spread of COVID-19. With the second wave of infections happening across France, the country has followed several other European countries by enforcing a curfew in the most populated cities. The curfew will be enforced for four to six weeks.

Two Catholic priests with sexual abuse allegations have gone to trial in the Vatican, marking the first time the Vatican has processed a sexual abuse case. Enrico Radice is charged with covering up a case of sexual assault and Gabriele Martinelli is accused of imposing sexual abuse when he was a senior altar boy. The hearings began on Wednesday, Oct. 14 and the trial has been adjourned for two weeks.

## DOMESTIC

Supreme Court nominee Judge Amy Coney Barrett faced the Senate Judiciary Committee beginning on Monday, Oct. 12 and ending on Thursday, Oct. 15. Judge Barrett vowed to fulfill her duties "faithfully and impartially" if confirmed. "Courts have a vital responsibility to enforce the rule of law, which is critical to a free society. But courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," Barrett said in her opening statement. Judge Barrett is the third Supreme Court Justice nominated by President Trump.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14 Amy Cooper, the white woman who went viral in May for calling the police on a Black bird-watcher in New York City, was charged with a third-degree misdemeanor for making a false report. After her initial phone call, which was recorded, she made a second previously unreported phone call in which she accused the man of assaulting her.

## CAP Center hosts Block Party, COVID style

Ellie Lowe  
Senior Writer

On Friday, Oct. 9, The CAP Center Core held its annual Block Party event. With the current COVID-19 precautions, the event differed from previous years.

Typically, the Block Party event is held in the quad between Vedder Hall and Smith Hall to encourage first-year students to attend. However, this year's Block Party was spread out between the Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace and Uptown to reduce crowd sizes. In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, activities were held outside, food handed out was individually packaged and hand sanitizer was readily available at every table.

One of the activities for this event was the BMX Show. There were three shows throughout the evening, all of

which were held at the parking lot of Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace. During the shows, students watched two BMX bike riders perform tricks. Students volunteers stood in the center of the stage where BMX riders jumped over them. There was also an opportunity for students to win a signed poster from the BMX riders. To win, students had to correctly name the tricks the BMX riders performed.

"It was cool getting jumped over by a guy on a BMX bike," student volunteer Cole Zehe '23 said.

"It is always great to bring something new and thrilling to campus. We chose BMX because we were looking for something that added lots of energy to our event," event planner Danielle O'Sullivan '24 said.

There was t-shirt screen printing at the Seventh Street

Studio & Makerspace where students chose a design of their choice to put on a colored t-shirt. Some of the prints included University and Seventh Street logos.

There were also many activities in the area between Swartz and McDonnell Halls including Bubble Making — with giant bubbles rather than the typical standard size — and Laser Tag. Many students tried their hand at making the perfect giant bubble, capturing themselves encased in the bubbles for a photo.

"I never imagined that one could fit two people in a bubble. I can check that off the bucket list," April Hurlock '23 said.

The CAP Center Core will be holding a carnival this Friday, Oct. 16 at Uptown, which will include a magician and balloon artist. The Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace will also

be holding a DIY Milkshake event on Friday, Oct. 16.

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## VOTING

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Oct. 27, and the ballot must be returned to their county's election office or mailed in and postmarked by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3 to count. Mailed ballots that are not postmarked by election day and received by 5 p.m. on Nov. 6 will not be counted.

For students registered to vote in-person under their University residence hall address, their polling location will be at the University's Weis Center, the Union County Courthouse or Eichhorn Middle School. Due to COVID-19 and mask concerns, those who previously would have voted in Larison Dining Hall will now be doing so at the Weis Center. To find

the exact location, visit the Polling Place Search tool on [pavoterservices.pa.gov](http://pavoterservices.pa.gov).

For those voting in person, polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Anyone who has voted at their polling location previously will not need to bring identification to receive a ballot, while anyone voting at their site for the first time must also have a valid form of identification with them. All those who are in line by the time of closing will be allowed to cast their ballot.

For more information on registration or other voting concerns, visit <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/>.

Upcoming  
Campus  
EventsNicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

Friday 10/16

Ecological Conservation & Restoration of Bucknell Tour 1-4 p.m. @ Science Quad in front of Olin Science. Free to current University students. A well-rounded experience exploring the ecological restoration and conservation efforts of the university. Discover Miller run, the campus "grove," the Bucknell Farm and more. See campus through green lenses. Led by Ben Hayes, Director of the Watershed Sciences & Engineering (WSE) program and Sean Reese, Project Scientist for WSE.

Carnival 6-11 p.m. @ Uptown. Stop by Carnival Night for magic and balloons.

Saturday 10/17

Keep it Reel 8:30-10 p.m. @ Uptown & The Commons. Join this fall for your favorite throwback movies in Uptown and the Commons. Every Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Trivia 9:30-10:30 p.m. @ Uptown. Do you know your trivia? Head on over to Uptown to test your skills for a chance to win \$100. There will be free Pizza Hut mozzarella sticks and pizza rolls.

Tuesday 10/20

Exploring Sustainability Walking Tour 5-6 p.m. @ SELL Site

Free to all current University Students. Using the student-created Ready, Set, Fit app we will explore popular and lesser-known areas emblematic of environment and sustainability successes and challenges on campus. Lead by Shauna Barnhart, Director of the Place Studies Program.

Virtual Trivia 8-9 p.m. via Zoom. Join every Tuesday night for Trivia. Zoom Meeting ID: 324 630 7063, Passcode: 965488.

Wednesday 10/21

Pumpkin Patch 6-8 p.m. Join at the Commons for a fun fall event sponsored by ResEd. All your fall favorites will be here - s'mores, campfires, pumpkin painting and so much more.

Thursday 10/22

Fire Pit Chants & Music 7-9 p.m. @ SELL Site. Free to all current University students. Come decompress outdoors around the fire at the BCSE's on-campus field station to spend time by the fire and partake in some encouraging conversation and music and of course... s'mores. Led by Milton Newberry III, Director of the Sustainable Technology program.

Virtual Bingo 8-9 p.m. via Zoom. Join every Thursday for virtual bingo. <https://bucknell.zoom.us/j/98754141500> Meeting ID: 987 5414 1500

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## CLIMBING WALL

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ways to connect safely with others," Associate Athletic Director of Recreation Services Karen Landis said.

"The wall has been a huge part of my life at Bucknell. When I first came here as a first-year, I had never climbed before in my life. I'm not super strong, wasn't into sports in high school, have gone to a gym maybe

four times in my life, nothing athletic at all. But I needed a job so I applied to work at the wall and, miraculously, I was hired. I was a little intimidated at first, but the other staff members and everyone that came in was so supportive, and the atmosphere was one of the best I've found at Bucknell," Climbing Wall Manager

Molly O'Halloran '22 said. "I guess I just want people to know that it exists, that it's a great place for everyone, even if you're not super athletic or strong, and that you should come check it out."

If students are interested and have any questions, they can reach out to [getoutside@bucknell.edu](mailto:getoutside@bucknell.edu) for more information on the Climbing Wall.

## University announces updates to dining policies

Sarah Baldwin  
Editor-in-Chief

Since the University's July decision to change the cost of their meal plans, students, faculty and staff have responded in a variety of ways, all requesting the administration to make alterations to what they perceive as unfavorable dining policies. This semester alone has seen the creation of the popular [@bucknelllexplain](https://www.instagram.com/bucknelllexplain) Instagram account — which aggregates anonymous student testimonials on food insecurity — the formation of the Operation HUNGER program to provide grocery store gift cards to students in need, implementation of a Food and Nutrition Task Force, and a 'Bread Line' protest outside of Freas Admissions Hall. On Oct. 14, in an email sent out to the campus community, Vice President for Finance & Administration Eileen Petula announced updates to the dining policy in response to University members' concerns.

In response to countless requests, the University will be implementing a swipe rollover policy for dining swipes, which will allow unused meal swipes to roll over each week beginning on Oct. 19. These swipes will be available until the last day of finals on Dec. 7; however, swipes cannot be rolled over from semester to semester. The policy will remain in place for the spring semester.

Additionally, even before the change in meal price, students had been asking for the creation of a "swipe donation fund" into which they could donate unused meal swipes for other

University members running low on swipes. Petula announced that swipes will be able to be donated to those demonstrating financial need come the spring semester, though doing so is not possible this fall "due to the time needed to adjust business processes."

In addition to these policy modifications, the University is updating its menu and hours of operation across campus dining locations. These changes include made-to-order salads and grab-and-go options at the MacDonald Commons, increasing the availability of pizza at Bostwick Marketplace to every weekday, a wider variety of protein choices in all locations, more fresh produce options and a small collection of non-perishable groceries at Seventh Street Cafe. Additionally, the MacDonald Commons will now be open from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, while Dining Dollars and meal swipes will be accepted at the Flying Bison to receive a bagged breakfast or lunch.

The University has also created a new GET mobile and web application for students. Within the application, students can add view their account balance, add Dining Dollars to their account and use their cell phones to purchase food at on-campus venues.

Julian Ricketson '21, an organizer for Operation HUNGER, is pleased that the swipe rollover and donation policies are being implemented, though he wishes the University would make a greater attempt for donations to occur this semester

"I'm curious as to why Seventh Street Cafe's non-perishables are not in the B-Eats pantry and are instead being sold for profit, though. Also, the Honest Eats food station in Bostwick should exist in other dining locations," he added. "I am glad the University is making strides toward a system that is somewhat normal to last year's — which had its own problems — and listening to feedback, but I would also encourage people to think critically instead of simply celebrating being provided bare minimum services."

Bethany Johnson '21, co-runner of the [@bucknelllexplain](https://www.instagram.com/bucknelllexplain) Instagram account, echoed these sentiments. "I am relieved to hear about the new dining changes. Although I believe the fight is far from over, I can say that these changes are definitely a step in the right direction as this response consists of actual changes and real action. I'm especially pleased to hear about meal swipes rolling over until the end of the semester as well as dining hours being expanded," she said. "However, Bucknell has still failed to address the quality of the food — students finding bugs, plastic and other absurd objects in their food as well as mold, undercooked meat, old salad and more being served to students. It would be really helpful to hear what efforts Bucknell has made to eliminate this problem as students are paying at least \$1400 to eat."

A feedback form is now available on the Dining Services website, which those with a valid University email account can fill out to express their concerns.

## SPRING SEMESTER

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the spring semester will be quite similar to our current semester. I fear the pandemic will not rapidly disappear and we will once again have to be extremely precautions with health and safety. However, we are lucky to have had a fairly successful fall semester with some in-person education and I think we can have an even better one in the spring," Bucknell Student Government (BSG) President Wilder Brice '22 said.

Lastly, the Spring 2021 semester will again offer students the option to learn in-person or remotely, while also featuring a hybrid model of instruction. Students who opt for remote learning are encouraged to discuss their choice with their faculty advisors first; students must

complete the "remote learning form" in the email by Nov. 13. As was the case this semester, those who are remote will not be allowed to return to campus, will not be charged for room and board, will have their financial aid packages reviewed and adjusted and will not see any change in their tuition.

"The upcoming spring semester actually holds a lot of high hopes for me, particularly because I believe this was a semester of hope. Bucknellians have done wonderful this fall limiting cases here on campus, and I am glad to hear a similar plan will be implemented next spring. As an online student this semester, I am proud to see how well my school has

done, and feel safe and excited to be returning next semester," Trevor Gulock '22, a current remote student, said.

"I am really optimistic that next semester will run smoothly. I think it is pretty impressive how well this semester has played out so I think it makes a lot of sense to keep the same plan in place. I am hopeful that both students and faculty will continue to be compliant with the COVID-19 guidelines so we can have another epic semester on campus," Vice President of Operations Molly O'Neil '22 said.

More information is expected from the administration in the coming weeks regarding the details of the upcoming Spring 2021 semester.

## Mauch Fellows discuss Supreme Court controversy

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Editor-in-Chief

The Mauch Fellowship Program, a collaboration between the University's political science department and the Lewisburg area's League of Women Voters, seeks to promote political participation among students by hosting a series of political and election-related forums, all facilitated by University students. This year's Mauch Fellows include Maya McKeever '21, Annie Maley '21 and Jerri Holdip '23. In September, the students hosted a discussion on mail-in voting and the impacts of COVID-19 on the upcoming presidential election, more recently, on Oct. 13, the University's Mauch Fellows held a panel discussing the recent Supreme Court vacancy left by the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"It is important to have the ability and resources to make informed political decisions, since voting is a way to ensure the hopeful progress of society and ensure that your needs — whether they be in regard to the economy, healthcare or any social issues — are being met, and that you're advocating for your own voice and the voices of people who do not have the ability to vote to be heard," McKeever, a facilitator for the discussion, said of the importance of the program. "I decided to be a Mauch Fellow because I think that having an opportunity to discuss important topics with people your age who you may not usually talk to should allow you to get other perspectives, whether from people you agree with or disagree with. I think we all deserve to have a voice in decisions that will affect our lives."

"The forums are an important means for students to engage and debate policy issues. After attending the first event I can say the Fellows are doing a fantastic job in doing exactly this," noted Associate Professor of Political Science John Doces, who attended the Sept. 15 event.

The discussion began with an inquiry into Amy Coney Barrett's nomination and the current hearings to confirm her as a justice.

Attendees generally agreed that the Senate should wait to hear the outcome of the presidential before confirming Barrett's nomination. "I think that a precedent was set in 2016 when they refused to hear a conversation about Merrick Garland. And that was in February, and it's now only less than a month before the election," Catherine Paul '21 said.

I think that the election this year has higher stakes than any one in recent history, and it is important to be informed about the issues, listen to different perspectives, and feel confident in voting

Catherine Paul  
Class of 2021

Participants went on to discuss the role of voters in Supreme Court nominations, feeling that Barrett's nomination is being pushed through quickly by Senate Republicans because of their fears of the Nov. 3 election results. Many also acknowledged how voters may be persuaded to change their decision based on whether Barrett is confirmed. Ralph Corbelle '21 expressed concerns over this notion. "I think it's a ridiculous idea that the Supreme Court would be deciding an election. I think that says bad things about the state of the government — which is already clear — but the idea that the presidential decision is decided by a vote for the Supreme Court doesn't sound good," Corbelle said.

The discussion then shifted to possible policy implications that could arise from Barrett's confirmation. Holdip acknowledged that Barrett's nomination could feasibly put the 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade* at risk. Many attendees expressed concern over Barrett's use of religion to justify policy — especially given the supposed separation of church and state in the United States — and wondered how Barrett's Catholicism would influence her treatment during the hearings.

The conversation was rounded out with a debate on the merits of lifetime appointments for Supreme Court justices, as well as on the possibility of court-packing should Vice President Joe Biden win the election. "Why do we, in a political democracy, have a lifetime appointment for any position?" Taaj Maddox '21 said. Students agreed that expanding the Supreme Court presents logistical issues, noting the possibility that U.S. President Donald Trump will appoint three justices to the Court during his tenure, and that expanding the court may make such proliferation more likely. However, Paul also understands the rationale behind doing so, as Barrett's confirmation would create a partisan supermajority and prevent balance on the Court.

The Mauch Fellows ended the event with a review of the voting process for Pennsylvania residents and University students, reminding them of the upcoming voter registration deadline and the Union County rule no longer requiring masks to vote in-person.

"I think that the election this year has higher stakes than any one in recent history, and it is important to be informed about the issues, listen to different perspectives, and feel confident in voting," Paul said. "I definitely found the event helpful, although in the future I would love it if more people felt comfortable speaking up and sharing their own opinions, particularly if they differ from the more vocalized ones during the event. I look forward to attending the final one."

The next Mauch Fellowship event will be held sometime before the general election. To stay updated on upcoming forums, follow [@mauchfellows](https://www.instagram.com/mauchfellows) on Instagram.

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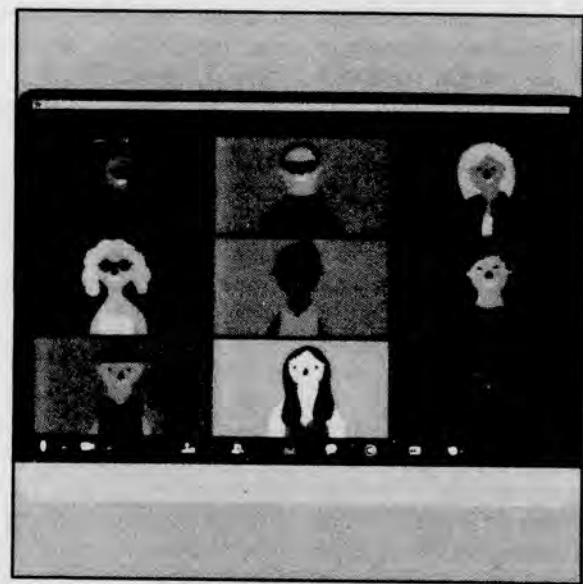
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## Zoom Saturdays?



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Super Saturdays have turned super boring since the beginning of the pandemic. In the face of mixed reviews from partygoers, University students have decided to move their weekly gatherings to a Zoom event, which has definitely created a different feeling.

Sandra Sorority '22 told reporters she is actually a fan of the change. "I don't have to worry about having my new Golden Gooses dirtied where they're not supposed to be,"

she said. Now Sorority can comfortably wear her shoes — requiring only a small loan to finance fully — in the privacy of her dorm.

Fiona Freshman '24, however, is less than thrilled about Zoom Supers. "Right before moving in, I bought, like, eight fuzzy faux-fur jackets," Freshman complained to reporters. "How was I supposed to know Supers wouldn't happen during a pandemic?" Fiona now cozies up in her room with her cheetah print coat in hopes that some guy in Sigma Apple Pie will recognize her

impeccable fashion sense on the Zoom call. Sorry, Freshman — maybe next year, but probably not at all.

The women on the University's campus are not the only ones with mixed emotions about the recent change. Of course, this has proved to be a dramatic switch for fraternity life, and many of the men are struggling to find an appropriate coping mechanism.

Chad '21 is one of the many University men who would likely benefit greatly from a trip to the Counseling Center. "I wake up ev-

ery Saturday hoping it was all a bad dream, and then I remember there are no more day drinks with the boys. If I had known last semester that it would be the last time we would drink Claws and smoke cigs on the porch together at 11 in the morning, I would have enjoyed it a little more." When asked what he does now in lieu of his normal Saturday tradition, he informed reporters he has continued his usual routine, but alone this time.

No matter what, the spirit of Super Saturdays will live on, even if it is virtual.

## BREAKING: Voting isn't hard

Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

Voting can be hard, but there are so many things that are harder. If you can get through any of these 10 tasks, then you should be more than capable of voting.

Leaving a frat without mud stains.

Seriously, how does all that dirt get in there? But if you've successfully navigated this cesspool, then you clearly have the skillset to figure out how to vote.

Taking a nap.

Anxiety caused by the world ending can make it incredibly hard to fall asleep. Pop a few melatonin capsules, get some

shut-eye and roll up to your polling location with the goal of changing the world.

Doing a 50-piece puzzle.

Start with the edges, then work inward, then request your absentee ballot.

Throwing that Dunkin' cup away that's been in your cup holder for two weeks.

The hardest part is acknowledging it's there. Your passengers will thank you for it, and so will all lovers of democracy when you cast your ballot on Nov. 3.

Brushing your teeth.

Hopefully, you already do this twice a day. You know what you only need to do once every four years if you

only care about the general presidential election? Vote.

Cutting an onion.

The tears that come with it? Come on, that's rough. But you know what's even more rough? The tears that come from the regret of not voting after your preferred candidate isn't elected.

Putting your t-shirt in your laundry basket.

It's been laying across the back of your desk chair all day in hopes of being hung up again for another future wear between washes. Just wash it, and then wash your conscience clean for being uninvolved in politics by casting your ballot.

Getting out of bed.

This one can be a little tricky, but we do it most days. Get out of bed on the first Tuesday of November with the conviction to vote.

Ordering on DoorDash.

Between picking the restaurant, and then getting your friends to Venmo you, and then walking down to pick up the food, the whole ordeal can kind of be a lot. At least with voting, there's pretty much only two options to choose from.

Reading this article.

Literacy is super hard, but you made it this far. You got through one of the tasks, so you can go vote. Please vote.

## BREAKING NEWS

**Food Security and Nutrition Task Force recommends students get Snickers bar for a nickel at the corner store like back in old days**

**CDC study suggests it is probably okay to try hosting Rainn Wilson again**

**Favorable fortune cookie aphorism to serve as spring semester COVID plan**

**Exclusive: Student cheating on test spiders fingers across face on Zoom in imitation of deep thought**

**'Why Judge Barrett not taking notes proves her intelligence, by the guy in the back of your political science class who smells like beer**

**Administration feeling self-conscious, unappreciated that students aren't getting pissed off about its various other major failings besides the food thing**

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## Making room for activities

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Amidst the pandemic, the University allowed students to go through the Greek recruitment process in an online version, which made for a lot of new changes for this year regarding recruitment for both sororities and fraternities.

However, one important aspect of the new member process for sororities that took place was Big/Little Week. Women find their "big sister" and "little sister" and are accepted into "families." I should know more of the correct terminology, but to be honest it is really confusing.

One of the main components of Big/Little Week is sisters decorating their little sister's rooms and giving them funny tasks to do. This year, the Bigs could not decorate rooms due to the pandemic, but they gave their Littles baskets and some tasks to finish before the Big/Little reveal.

TikTok dances, photos with a member from each fraternity, the readings of poems, conversations with strangers and numerous other harmless tasks populated my social media pages that week. However, I'm here to make fun of stuff.

"For a fun activity, I had to carry 20 backpacks full of

bricks all the way across campus. As in, carry one across, run back, carry another, and so on," Evan Greece '23 said. "And my girlfriend had to post a video of her doing the WAP dance. I hate my life."

"Yeah, I feel that, my girlfriend also posted a video of her doing the WAP. I've been fighting off intruders into her DMs for a week or so now, and they are not slowing down," Alan Alpha '23 said. "They will not stop. I love her, but it really wasn't that good of a dance."

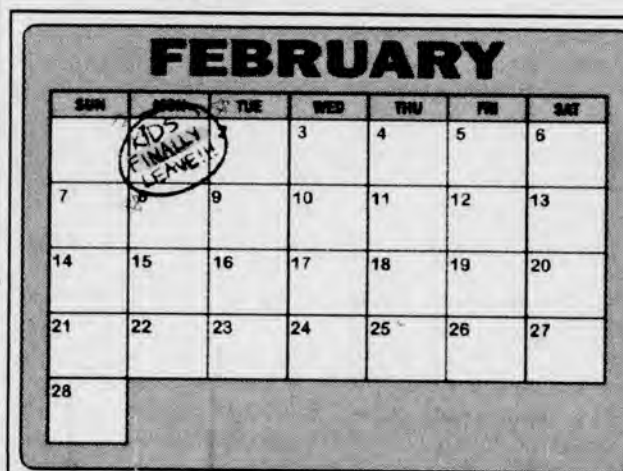
"I had to spray paint my entire body blue and wear a white cloth sack and matching hat and go to class all day as a 'Smurf,'" Brooke Beta '23 said. "It was so funny, but I almost passed out from the paint fumes while I was giving a presentation. Also, I can't get the blue paint off, so I guess I'll be blue for a while."

Side note: Please be careful with spray paint.

"All I had to do was eat as many burgers as I could at Bull Run," Emily Eta '23 said. "I got to 17 burgers before I had to throw up. I have never felt so at peace as I did that one moment in between the 17th burger and throwing up afterward. It was incredible."

Extra side note: Don't try to eat 17 burgers.

## "My house, my rules"



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Satire Co-Editor

is okay, but not the actual house? What are they even trying to accomplish here?"

While that's something of a reasonable rule, it definitely would anger me if I couldn't do drugs in the kitchen and laundry room, too. I mean, seriously, you'd think I made all this up.

"My parents are huge nature fans, so they make us all, as a family, for at least 30 minutes every day, sit down and watch an informative nature channel. But this isn't National Geographic or something actually cool, it's about stuff like 'why human reproduction is so unique' or 'here's how these types of birds digestive systems work.' This is not a good thing, I promise," Madi Home '22 said. "They've made us do it just about every day since we were kids."

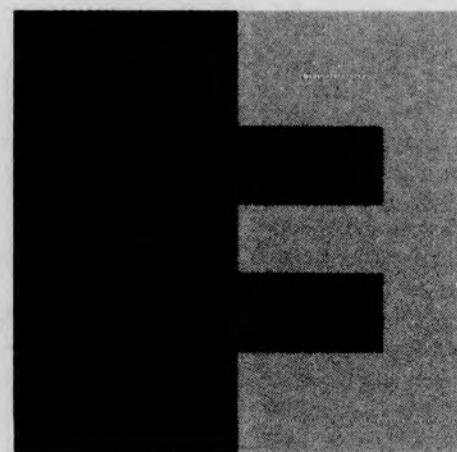
I have no words. I am so sorry. Maybe introduce them to that show "North America," it's really cool, interesting and most definitely a lot less weird and gross than the one you're stuck with now.

I hope that all of you reading this feel a little better about your family lives back home now, but even if you don't, I believe in you. You can do it. And remember, they're just as miserable as we are (but also don't forget: they missed you while you were away).

"I'm surprised there were no attempted homicides in my house over quarantine this past semester," Will Lock '23 said. "I'd felt what it was like to be at school and not have parents constantly monitoring me, and then to go straight back to that. I hated it so much."

Others shared their disdain for their parents' draconian household rules put into effect over lengthy coronavirus-induced breaks. "My parents have this rule where they don't let me do drugs in the house," Steve Stone '22 said. "Like, it's okay if I leave the house and do drugs, but I can't do them inside? Like the backyard





# EDUCATING ABOUT EQUALITY VOTES CAMPAIGN

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Discussion around voting often focuses on Election Day. However, an important component of that process happens before actually voting — the whole procedure, in reality, begins with registration. In order to fully take advantage of the privilege to vote, citizens must make sure they have properly registered to cast a ballot.

The Feminist Majority Foundation is one such organization that is encouraging all to register to vote. The Feminist Majority Foundation was founded in 1987 as an organization dedicated to defending women's rights; in particular, the organization advocates for the specific issues of reproductive health and non-violence. In addition to participating in research, public policy development, public education programs, leadership training and development programs, the organization also takes part in, and actually organizes, forums discussing women's equality and empowerment.

One of the Feminist Majority Foundation's most recent campaigns is the "Equality Votes Campaign," which aspires to increase voter participation on college campuses. The campaign hires college students to help educate their peers and encourage voting in

key swing states; it is also an equal opportunity employer, meaning that members of minority communities and those with disabilities suffer no disadvantage in the hiring process on account of their protected class status. These campus organizers set up online Get Out the Vote (GOTV) events, all while managing a robust and dedicated volunteer force. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the campaign has largely been focusing on building their social media presence in order to keep students informed during this critical time. The @eqvotes-bucknell Instagram account, for instance, posts infographics about the importance of voting and how to register to vote, as well as student testimonials about why they are voting or why it is important to them.

Kate McGrath '21 is one of the organizers of the Equality Votes Campaign; McGrath has been charged with running the group's University-oriented Instagram page. McGrath described discovering the position through Equality Votes coordinator Della Hughes '21, whom she met during one of their shared Women and Gender Studies courses.

"I was immediately interested in the position because it was a great way to get involved on campus and in the election. I think that it is really important to vote especially in this election. My goal is to get as many people

involved as possible and registered to vote," McGrath said.

Hughes shares McGrath's zeal. "I went to a feminist leadership conference during my sophomore year in Washington, D.C., so I've stayed in touch with the organization. Earlier this semester they reached out to me as they are working with equality votes to get young people mobilized to vote on college campuses, especially in swing states like PA," Hughes said.

As coordinator for the equality votes campaign, Hughes directs the other members of her team in working to get students at the University more informed about the election and successfully registered to vote. As mentioned before, one of the ways Hughes and her team hope to inspire this change is through a large social media presence; in addition, the equality votes campaign at the University plans tabling sessions around campus and other events throughout the semester.

"I'm passionate about education and giving people language to understand their experience and the systems in place that impact their lives. This job was an awesome opportunity to help get Bucknell students involved and potentially make a difference," Hughes said.

A recent series by the University's Equality Votes Instagram page focuses on student voters, who explain why this

right remains important to them and the issues they care about. Tori Bartlett '21, for instance, votes because she recognizes the privilege behind such a right. "Not everyone has the privilege to vote. I know that some people don't have the privilege to vote so it is important that I act on my right to do so for myself and those whose voices are not heard," she says.

Coco Sachs '21 also recognizes the importance of this right, especially as a woman in the United States. "Women were only given the right to vote 100 years ago. I exercise this privilege to serve those who remain impacted by voting barriers, which are perpetuated by systemic inequalities of today's democracy," Sachs said.

Hailey Cooper '21 emphasizes the importance of youth turnout in swinging an election. "Our generation potentially has the biggest impact on the outcome of this election," Cooper said. "I want to be a part of the change that influences the election in a positive way."

The Equality Votes Campaign can be spotted tabling around campus and also reached via their Instagram account @eqvotesbucknell. From both the equality votes group and your friends at The Bucknellian, make sure to get registered and vote group and your friends at The Bucknellian, make sure to get registered and vote.



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## How Trump contributed to the attempted kidnapping of the Governor Gretchen Whitmer

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On Oct. 7, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) foiled a plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. It was considered to be "...one of the largest cases in recent history that the [Michigan State Police (MSP)] has been involved in," according to MSP Colonel Joe Gasper. The development of the plot had begun in June and involved 13 men, all of whom were either members of or linked to a militia group called the Wolverine Watchmen. The group's ideology consisted of, among other things, an intention to overthrow the government and place the governor under trial for treason. After discovering several members attempting to recruit others in June, the FBI infiltrated the group online as well as with in-person informants. The arrests were made across the state in a coordinated effort with various agencies.

The concept of the militia has changed drastically over the decades in the United States. Since the early 1990s, unorganized militia groups have sprouted across the country, often as a form of an ongoing protest over governmental actions. Such was the case with the Wolverine Watchmen and the Michigan Governor. Their plot stemmed from a growing frustration over her actions concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and what they considered to be extreme precautions. There were other motivations for several of the suspects as well; some feared that the United States was rapidly descending into a communist state as a result of Democratic control and that their Second Amendment rights might be hindered.

But it is worthwhile to acknowledge the manner in which the current presidential administration has influenced the modern militia. As previously mentioned, there are dozens of militia groups existing today sharing the concern over the rise of a tyrannical government. But U.S. President Donald Trump has continuously invoked radical action from these smaller groups, often in the name of opposing Democratic tyranny. In the past few months, he has repeatedly voiced his worries over the upcoming election being "rigged" based on an unfounded claim of mass voter fraud.

In an article for the Financial Times, John Ellis, a man who runs an online platform for countless militias in the United States, said, "If Trump comes out and says something to the effect of 'this was clearly stolen from me' and puts a call to action, per the constitution, he is the commander-in-chief and can call to action the militias in the United States." In truth, it is illegal for armed militias to work in place of law enforcement. But the sentiment remains the same, regardless of legality. Trump's repeated outcries of corruption in the election has brought many of his most ardent supporters to take matters into their own hands, often armed with guns.

During the first presidential debate, after being repeatedly asked to denounce white supremacy and later the Proud Boys, a far-right militia group, the president said "Proud Boys? Stand back and stand by," before throwing another criticism towards the "far-left" and Antifa. Trump has often refused to properly denounce such extremist groups, despite repeated studies finding that radical right organizations are the most pronounced and violent forms of domestic terrorism in the United States.

Without a proper condemnation of their violent actions, Proud Boys and other militia groups celebrated, viewing the president's words as a call to action against the "true enemies," Antifa and the far-left. Joe Biggs, an organizer for the Proud Boys, wrote, "President Trump told the proud boys to stand by because someone needs to deal with ANTIFA... well sir! we're ready!"

In the case of Whitmer, Trump has repeatedly disparaged her efforts this year. In April, referencing the extension of lockdowns, the president tweeted "LIBERATE MICHIGAN," along with a few other states. In May, as a response to the armed protests against the stay-at-home order, Trump tweeted, "These are very good people, but they are angry. They want their lives back again, safely! See them, talk to them, make a deal." His rhetoric concerning the state and its leader has consistently framed it as a place in dire need of being freed from oppression. It is no wonder that this pattern of excusing radical militia actions could have influenced a plot that came so close to fruition.

Following the arrests of the kidnapping suspects, Whitmer released a response thanking both the FBI and involved law enforcement agencies, but also criticizing Trump. In regards to the president's words during the debate, she stated that "Hate groups heard the president's words not as a rebuke, but as a rallying cry, as a call to action. When our leaders speak, their words matter. They carry weight." Trump may not have directly urged his supporters to kidnap the governor of Michigan, but he did foment a culture that justifies radical, violent actions in the name of a twisted sense of justice.

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## Eddie Van Halen's legacy

I heard the electric static and felt the slight vibration from placing the old headphone jack into my record player, and before I knew it, the disillusioning opening track to Van Halen's "1984" transported me to a new place. After a minute and 12 seconds of confusion, I was struck by Edward Lodewijk Van Halen's guitar in arguably the band's most famous song, "Jump." By the time I got to the third track, "Panama," my headphones were unplugged and I was dancing as no one had ever seen.

After hearing about Eddie Van Halen's death on Oct. 6, I was immediately taken back to my 14-year-old memory of carelessly dancing to the rock genius. Throughout the years, Van Halen has occasionally resurfaced from the depths of my liked songs on Spotify, always leading to a spontaneous dance party, however, I have never given the band, and Eddie, the spotlight they deserved.

Van Halen was born in 1972, with Eddie leading on the guitar and his brother, Alex, on the drums. Eddie and Alex were the rocks of the band with a continuously rotating cast of lead

singers. No matter the singer, Eddie's high-flying guitar sound was impossible to imitate. His two-handed finger-tapping technique was paired perfectly with the hyperactivity of the electric guitar and the fast-paced rhythm of their songs, setting the band up for complete success and an incredible legacy. By 1974, Van Halen had established their lineup that would make it one of the most notable rock bands in music history: Alex and Eddie Van Halen, bassist Michael Anthony, and singer David Lee Roth. To put their destined fame in perspective, Gene Simmons, the Kiss bassist, found Van Halen in 1977 at a local club and financed their first recording session. After signing with Warner Bros and releasing their 1978 debut self-titled album, the band had their breakthrough with 1984 — my dapcing go-to and the band's sixth album. The album reached No. 2 on the Billboard album charts, only second to Michael's Jackson's "Thriller" album, which just so happened to contain an Eddie Van Halen guitar solo in the iconic "Beat It."

Unfortunately, the immense fame after releasing 1984 tore Roth away from the band in 1985. The remaining members regrouped and picked up Sammy Hagar as a replacement for only

about two years; however, the band's fame never diminished and they continued to rule the rock world until the mid-1990s, with continuous "reunion" tours with both Hagar and Roth. By the time Van Halen reached the 2000s, sadly, the band began to dwindle in watered-down reunion tours, alcohol and insane public behavior.

Regardless, Van Halen's sound and completely consuming energy was built by Eddie. In 2007, the band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for their rock n' roll dominance and electric sound, which Eddie was largely responsible for. In the same vein, the technique that the legendary guitarist birthed played an integral role in the development of rock and roll. Eddie paved the way and heavily influenced artists such as DJ Ashba from Guns N' Roses, Nuno Bettencourt from Extreme, and Damon Johnson from early Thin Lizzy.

To pay tribute to the short, but unbelievable life of Edward Lodewijk Van Halen, dive into a Van Halen album, whether it be 1984 or Van Halen. Listen to the enticing, galvanic guitar solos, and lean into the two-handed finger-tapping excitement. Lastly, take out your headphones and dance like no one is watching.

## Leaving the sidelines: get informed and get registered



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Middle school recreational soccer teams are not the way that people generally think about elections, but it's 2020, so adding some whimsy to this process is probably good for everyone. So, please, indulge in the following metaphor:

It's a chilly Saturday morning and your friends on the Galaxy kick-off against the rival Pirates at 10:30 a.m. sharp. The first half is rough: you're on defense, so you only ever get to play when things get bad. And you were playing a lot this game. The Pirates have somehow managed to score five goals on you without a single return from your team. You feel outmaneuvered, undertrained and straight-up insignificant compared to their force, which is far more coordinated and much larger than you.

You were responsible for the snacks this week, so some apple slices and Capri Suns are sure to revive your team's spirits for the second half. But they don't revive yours. You feel like getting involved in this game is fruitless: you're tired of the game, you feel like you can't contribute anything and you don't know any moves that can turn things around. "Let's stick on the sidelines this time. If I get involved, if I play this game, every option for what I do is horrible. I won't make a difference." So, you pull your coach aside and let them know you don't want to play.

"Don't want to play? Come on. We need you just as much as we need anyone else." Your teammates hear the news of your decision, and then encourage you to get on the field, but instead, you keep yourself on the bench. You think the consequences and inconvenience outweigh the benefits, right? The parents in the stands catch wind of your intention, and they cheer you on as well, calling out your name directly to get you out there. But you stay sitting. Your phone starts going off with texts from friends not at the game, and people in passing cars slow

down once they hear the news to try to get you involved (this metaphor world is weird).

You get the idea. Everyone is trying to get you involved in this vital game, but you stay firmly seated on the sidelines. You are the only person who can get yourself up and back in the game for the second half, and everyone who's been encouraging you knows that.

I understand those who feel as if voting in this year's November election will not have an impact, or if the candidate whom you actually supported either dropped out, didn't run or has no chance. I also understand if you believe your favorite is going to win anyway, or if you feel like both of the major options are simply horrible (and in some respects, I agree with you). This election is, to put it lightly, contentious, and taking a step back is something understandable that many of our peers want to do.

But this is not what we should do. Pennsylvania is widely considered to be a swing state in this election: whichever presidential candidate wins Pennsylvania has, by one model, a 96% chance of winning the Electoral College. Your vote will have an outsized impact here. Your vote will matter here. And that's just for our nationwide offices — this November, we also vote for our state's Attorney General (our state's top prosecutor), Auditor General (who makes sure that your tax dollars are well-spent) and our congresspeople and state legislatures. All of these things ultimately affect us students here in Lewisburg: the Attorney General conducted a review of the University's new dining plans when students alleged price-gouging, and the Auditor General annually looks at the University's financial statements for any misuse. This, of course, is not to mention the numerous rules for universities that are set at the federal or state level. It all affects us here, regardless of whether we see those changes in an immediate, tangible way.

Now, perhaps I am preaching to the choir at this point: anyone reading a fully-digital version of The Bucknellian is

probably registered and willing to vote. But, to those people, you have a friend who chooses not to inform themselves, and/or isn't registered to vote. Telling them about this is positively vital, as one-on-one contact can actually help increase not only registrations but actual turnout.

The resources are there for you to step out onto the field: websites like BallotReady and iSideWith provide nonpartisan voter resources to help you decide with whom you agree most. I have used them myself and was genuinely surprised at commonalities with people that I didn't expect. News sites like Ground News allow you to compare the same headline between media outlets with different levels of bias. This resource is invaluable for getting a deeper understanding of political polarization and helping each of us to better understand our own biases. Everyone who spends a significant amount of time in America — or lives in it — should at least be informed on these issues. But, everyone who is eligible to vote should get registered as well. Bucknell.turbovote.org is a phenomenal resource that helps to ensure that students here, in Lewisburg, are able to participate in their civic duty this Nov. 3.

Comedian Jay Foreman put it well when he quipped that, "When you and your friends are bitterly complaining the country's being paddled up the doo-wop, by a [president] you hate and a party you can't stand, you can at least take solace in the ability to smugly shrug and say, 'Well, it wasn't our fault.'"

Your team needs you. Everyone and their mother (quite literally in this rec soccer metaphor) is calling for you to get off the sidelines and get involved this year. If you've never voted or never done a deep-dive on where our candidates stand, now is the year to do it. You can gain the knowledge you need to jump back on the field for your team. Get informed, get registered and make the moves to be an active participant in our democracy this year. Our country needs you, now more than ever. Get informed and vote.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear President Bravman,  
We read with disappointment your Sept. 28 email offering strategies to address food insecurity on campus. Asking the [University] community to address systemic problems on an individual level is not an adequate solution to this semester's issues around food insecurity — or [the University's] ongoing problems with inclusivity, racism, and "the Greek system." We consider ourselves lucky that [the University] has trained us to be good scholars who recognize institutional power and systemic forces far outweigh the ability of individual actors to rectify such deep-seated problems. To ask us now, as alumni, to overlook that knowledge is to demand we forget the education that we worked so hard to develop at [the University].

Furthermore, it is hard to imagine a more superficial

response to the killing of Black men and women and Black Lives Matter protests than a 5K race with an optional donation to the Anti-racism fund. The charitable reading of this choice is that organizers wanted to make participation accessible to all. However, this response must be read in the context of a long history of performative activism and institutional attempts to channel desires for real change into acceptable, apolitical, and dead-end activities that exhaust movements. Not to mention that the very idea of a "Race against racism" proposes a response to racism based on linguistic similarity between the words "race" and "racism" rather than the needs of living people of color. Clever and cheery, perhaps. But also harrowing in its inadequacy.

We anticipate we will also be disappointed to read your statement in response

to the most recent hazing incident in the KDR fraternity.

It is easy to become disillusioned this year, with COVID-19, inexhaustible racism, the political climate, and increasingly ominous signs of climate change. We are tired, and this isn't a moment where weak statements of support — or passing the burden onto the individual — are going to cut it.

But, if we look past the fatigue and the fear of 2020, it seems that there is an opportunity for [the University] to make meaningful changes to address the immediate issues, which really are more overt manifestations of problems that have plagued [the University] and its culture for decades. As alumni, though we are proud of the work we did at [the University], we struggle with mixed feelings about our alma mater.

We want to see real, meaningful, sweeping changes

that would make us proud to send our children to [the University]. Make real — economic and cultural — commitments for additional programs that facilitate under-represented students' admission, support, and success, including students of color and low-income students. Take a stand against racism, and support specific antiracist education and actions for the [University] community. Dip into the endowment, so current students don't go hungry in the context of COVID-19. And abolish the Greek system, or make other meaningful, lasting changes that would eliminate the horrifying but not surprising hazing activities like those described in John Jean's complaint against [the University] and the KDR fraternity.

The great theorist Stuart Hall asked, "Against the urgency of people dying in the streets, what in God's name is the point of cultural studies?" We can enlarge

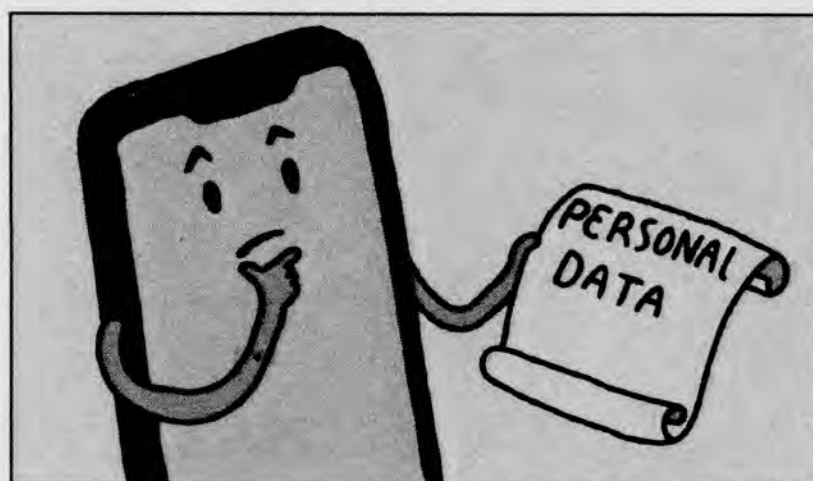
this question to encompass the purpose of the university itself. What, indeed, is the point of the 21st-century university? How can it mobilize its unique resources and place in society to tackle our most trenchant and interrelated problems: racism, climate change, economic inequality, loss of faith in government and other institutions? In your own June letter in response to the murder of George Floyd, you wrote, "It is more important now than ever that we work diligently to do what we can, where we can, to end this terrible scourge, this stain on the fabric of our nation. If education is not the answer, then what is? What are we otherwise doing here?" Part of our disillusionment with our alma mater stems from a real and enduring belief that [the University] can be a leader in efforts to move beyond individualistic approaches to systemic problems.

It has been a difficult year, but chaos also brings the opportunity to start anew. Our optimism is not at an all-time high this year, but we believe the urgency of the problems faced by [the University] student body demands positive changes to the university's culture and economic support models in 2020. We would be happy to discuss these perspectives and ideas further should you wish to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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Kit (Kristen) Hughes (BA '06)  
Monica (McMurrer) Fassenmyer (BA '06)  
Christine (Christy) Langston (BA '06)

The above is an abridged version of a letter that was sent to University President John Bravman earlier this week.

## iOS combating big data



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHIC ARTIST

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Have you ever searched something on the internet and, within 24 hours, got an ad for that same product? This practice, called ad tracking, has caused millions of consumers to express unease with the state of their privacy. In response, Apple is implementing serious new rules regarding privacy concerns with its iOS 14 operating system. Although these policies did intensify slightly with iOS 13, these new systems give consumers the ability to decide to turn off ad tracking within their settings. When apps are downloaded through the App Store, users will receive a notification asking whether or not these apps can track them. These new capabilities grant users much more privacy and independence going forward. By having the power to see which apps track them, how they conduct tracking and what data is collected, iOS 14 ultimately offers users a greater sense of control.

Many people fear tracking capabilities via the internet, but some companies have concerns over losing their ability to directly engage with consumers. The restraints placed by Apple are a direct threat to companies such as Google and Facebook, who use ad tracking with every consumer to grow business and create a personalized media experience. Many other businesses are media based on ad tracking as their sole line of work. Initially, the deficiency of ad tracking will hurt Google and Facebook but will dwindle to these smaller companies. In the future, it will force people to question where their information is going and how it is being used, therefore hurting all businesses that rely on ad tracking. However, what is more important: the privacy of the consumer or the benefits that tracking brings to big businesses?

Aside from Google and Facebook's concerns, Apple's restrictions on tracking could be a step in the right direction. Apple plans on promoting this privacy standard everywhere,

even lessening their own small company that focuses on ad tracking. Users still have the choice to keep ad tracking on, so the market will decrease but may not diminish completely.

The largest intention for ad tracking is to benefit the consumer, so shouldn't the decision be in the hands of the consumer? Sometimes ad tracking does not contribute to the overall experience, oftentimes it distracts or agitates the user. Yes, with ad tracking users may have the capability to see ads based on their interests, but oftentimes it is found to be invasive. Over the last 10 years, mobile advertising has advanced drastically, which has certainly increased its effectiveness, but has also given rise to the ability to recover things as personal as a consumer's political leanings, housing status and job history. The idea of one's entire private life being revealed with the touch of a button is a fear held by many. Within this weird time of non-private media, some will say that "what happens on your iPhone stays on your iPhone" is a tempting offer.

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

### Why the Supreme Court nomination needs to wait until after the election

Annie Maley  
BIPP Intern

This week, the Senate began its hearings for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett. On Oct. 12, Barrett completed her first day of confirmation hearings. This article is not intended to discredit the qualifications of Judge Barrett, but rather to demonstrate why she should not even be considered in the first place — or at least not right now.

The first issue regarding Barrett's nomination regards length of time. Supreme Court nominations are lifetime appointments. Even the most exemplary candidates must be thoroughly vetted given the impacts their judgments on the court could have for generations of Americans to come. When Barrett was first nominated on Sept. 26, there were only 38 days until the general election. At the start of her hearings, there were only 22 days until election day. Compared to nominations of the past five administrations, this is unprecedentedly fast. In the past 40 years, the fastest nomination to date was Ruth Bader Ginsburg, whose confirmation took 50 days. The position of Supreme Court Justice is vitally important to American democracy, and the process of choosing the people who will have the honor of becoming that role cannot be rushed due to partisanship. It is important to note that the senators aiming to expedite the confirmation of Judge Barrett at record speed are the same senators who felt that confirming Merrick Garland in March of 2016 was too close to the November 2016 election — embodying the definition of hypocrisy.

The second issue, of course, is the irregularity of

this upcoming election. The 2020 election is like no other. At no fault of either party, a global pandemic has completely altered how the United States must run its elections. According to the New York Times, over 80 million Americans have already requested mail ballots. As a result, unlike in other years, many voters had already cast their ballots before the start of the confirmation hearing process. Not only do voters not get to have their voices heard on who should choose the next justice, they will also not have the opportunity to change their vote depending on the outcome of these hearings. Supreme Court nominations in recent years have been highly contested, and the information that is made public in those hearings may influence voters' preferences in the presidential and congressional elections this fall. Those voters deserve to have their opinions counted, if the confirmation occurs before the election, they will be robbed of that possibility.

The final — and arguably most important — issue relates to court packing. In 2017, in an effort to push President Donald Trump's nomination of Justice Gorsuch through the Senate, Republicans voted to change procedural rules and eliminate the filibuster for Supreme Court appointments. Instead of needing 60 votes to close debate and advance a nomination, they now only needed a simple majority (which could be attained with a VP vote, in the case of a 50-50 tie). This change from the decades-old cloture tradition, combined with their hypocrisy in choosing to hold an election year confirmation in 2020, has, for lack of a better word, pissed Democrats off. If the Senate Republicans are successful in confirming Amy Coney

Barrett before the election, and Democrats win the White House and Senate (the combination of which is competitive, but very possible), there could be a disastrous backlash from Senate Democrats. Many liberal Senators have supported the idea of expanding the Supreme Court, and Joe Biden has yet to come out with a hard stance on the matter — meaning that this scenario is very possible. Packing the Supreme Court, while a short-term fix to ideologically balance Judge Barrett's confirmation with more liberal justices, presents a dangerous precedent. The number of Supreme Court justices should not be in flux every four years based upon which party controls the White House. The Supreme Court of the United States has the responsibility of interpreting the Constitution and ruling against laws when they are in violation of the Constitution. It is not meant to be a partisan correction for a previous party's judicial appointments, nor should it be a mechanism to push partisan agendas through on contested issues.

The Supreme Court of the United States is an extraordinarily powerful and indispensable institution to the integrity of American democracy. Appointees to this court impact the lives of Americans for generations after their confirmation. Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is being rushed due to the threat of a Democratic president appointing a liberal justice to the court if Trump loses. While this is a travesty because it does not allow for the due process of vetting for such an important position, it also degrades the value of the individual vote and opens up the door to detrimental backlashes from the opposition party.



# ★ LOCAL ★ CANDIDATE ★ ★ SPOTLIGHT: ★ ★ KATIE ★ EVANS ★

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With just over three weeks remaining until the Nov. 3 general election, the 2020 presidential election — one of the most decisive in modern history — naturally remains at the

forefront of the national consciousness. However, it is important to note that we choose much more than our next president that critical Saturday; the fate of many local candidates, seeking to improve our local communities or bring regional concerns to Capitol Hill, will be decided by our ballots as well. It is imperative that we

place due emphasis on these local races; their results may well be as important to our daily lives as the presidency itself.

One such election is occurring in our own town. Since 2019, Republican David Rowe has represented Pennsylvania's 85th District, which comprises parts of Snyder and Union County. The district is

primarily red, and has consistently been represented by Republicans for over sixty years. In 2019, Rowe replaced current Congressman Fred Keller, besting out Democratic nominee Jennifer Rager-Kay with 62.6% of the vote. But this year, local candidate Katie Evans believes that she can turn 85 blue.

## ABOUT EVANS

Katie Evans moved to the Susquehanna Valley in 1969 to teach English at Selinsgrove High School. After 17 years as an instructor, she began work as a field representative for the Pennsylvania State Education Association. "I negotiated contracts, I acted as an advocate in arbitrations and I answered a million questions about school policies and fi-

nance," Evans said of her time as a representative.

Evans is also deeply invested in the upkeep of libraries, serving as an active member of the Snyder County Library Board. Currently, Evans is an adjunct professor for the Pennsylvania State University's World Campus, where she teaches courses in the School of Labor and Employment Relations.

Evans said her decision to run for office was inspired by her deep love for the surrounding area and its constituents, as well as her concern about growing political polarization both in Pennsylvania and at the national level. She admires the "hard-working and community-oriented people" who volunteer together in local organizations to im-

prove their community; however, she has observed how a dearth of bipartisan initiatives has resulted in "a real lack of that cohesiveness," which once bound our populace together. With an inclusive and comprehensive platform, Evans hopes to cross increasingly cardinal party lines, appealing to conservatives and liberals alike.

## ON THE ISSUES

Evans is committed to remedying the inequalities between the district's eastern and western regions — a dichotomy made yet starker by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. With only one hospital in Union County, for instance, those who live in certain areas of the county are forced to travel great distances to receive comprehensive medical care. Evans' platform attempts to manage this problem by increasing accessibility and convenience in health services across the district. On the state level, Evans similarly hopes to expand access to affordable healthcare, find ways to lower

the cost of prescription drugs and improve outcomes and overall quality of care.

Evans additionally notes a fulminant "digital inequality" throughout the region, marked by uneven access to modern technology and internet utilities. "When the schools closed back in the spring, everything went online, there were actually groups that had mobile hotspots that would drive around to the Western parts of the county to give these kids access," she said. Evans observes accurately that Union County's broadband speeds are defined significantly be-

low the federal standards, and that maps of the county omit crucial population data. To ameliorate this, Evans demands fairness and accountability from elected officials and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to maintain access to WiFi throughout the 85th.

Despite her candidacy on the Democratic ticket, Evans holds some views that are slightly iconoclastic to the liberal mainstream; she considers herself a strong proponent of the Second Amendment, while at the same time supporting common-sense gun laws. Such regulations are not intended

to establish barriers for responsible gun ownership, she notes, but merely seek to mitigate issues of domestic violence and self-harm. Evans's campaign aims to close the existing loopholes in purchasing firearms from a gun show, confiscate the weapons of those who have been issued a "protection from abuse" order, and enact stricter laws against allowing people with severe mental health issues to own guns. "I support the Second Amendment, but I support enforcing the responsibilities that go along with the right to bear guns," she said.

## CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES

With the onset of COVID-19, Evans was forced to switch her campaign strategy to adapt to the pandemic. While she originally hoped to host an in-person listening tour, traveling across the county and hearing the concerns of community members, she has since moved online. "I live on

Zoom," Evans joked.

Evans credits her Campaign Committee — a diverse, intergenerational crop ranging from recent high-school graduates to retirees — for managing and augmenting her social media presence. Notable among the team's accomplishments are "Espresso with Katie" events,

a series of short video discussions posted on Facebook and the official campaign website. Evans's campaign team also regularly hosts phone-banking and text banking sessions over Zoom to engage with potential voters and respond to their most pressing concerns.

Evans's online strategy

seeks to reach persuadable Republicans and Independents on vital material issues. "I've reached out to Republicans because we really have for the most part the same objectives, the same the same wishes, the same cares, the same concerns. Where we might differ is on how we deal with them," Evans said.

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Evans understands the power young people, particularly students, have in this election as they are "much more open to new ideas." She implores University members to register to vote

whether it be through an absentee ballot, early voting or in-person. She encourages students to not only focus on the national election but to understand the importance of local politics in shaping their

own communities. In fact, local political engagement is a highly effective way of integrating the University with the surrounding Lewisburg community. "I think that as members of the com-

munity, you have a stake in the community. And that's, of course, being interested in local politics," Evans said.

Evans' opponent, David Rowe, was unable to be reached for an interview.



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Students pose with their "I Voted" stickers as they leave the polls.

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After a long and controversial election season, Americans are now nervously awaiting the results of the 2020 presidential election between incumbent President Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger, former Vice President Joe Biden.

Experts had warned that the winner would not be declared on Election Night, and the tabulation of mail-in, provision-

al and early ballots would likely take days or even weeks. As of Thursday afternoon, votes were still too close to call in the states of Alaska, Nevada, North Carolina, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. According to the Associated Press, Joe Biden has 264 confirmed electoral votes, needing only six more to win. President Donald Trump has a much more difficult task, with only 214 confirmed electoral votes and a deficit of 56 in order to win, and is currently pursuing legal challenges in multiple states on the

basis of anecdotal accusations of "voter fraud." Nevertheless, Trump has celebrated tight victories in Florida and Ohio, two states Biden hoped to peel away from Trump's 2016 electoral map, and maintains a narrow edge in North Carolina.

Ambiguity has largely prevailed over the results of the past few days, precipitated by an unusually large number of mail-in ballots, an almost record turnout, and the lack of immediate results in several key swing states. In Pennsylvania alone, a

battleground state, more than 2.4 million mail-in ballots have pushed the final tally multiple days past Nov. 3, and remains unfinished at time of writing.

Many Democrats' expressed fears that Trump would attempt to halt the counting of all votes before a legitimate decision was made regarding the presidential winner. The president has already filed lawsuits in three states — Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia — in response to Biden's lead.

Trump prematurely

claimed victory early Wednesday morning, calling for a stop to vote tabulation already underway; one choice tweet by the President on Thursday morning admonished battleground states to "STOP THE COUNT." No news organization has yet declared a winner, and a number of closely contested states still have thousands of mail-in-votes to be counted. Trump has expressed a willingness to continue his legal battle against the election results, announcing that,

"we'll be going to the U.S. Supreme Court," since "We want all voting to stop," accusing Democrats of stealing the election.

Biden minced no words in condemning the President's behavior, noting in a Wednesday morning tweet that "It's not my place or Donald Trump's place to declare the winner of this election. It's the voters' place."

Given the few battleground states left, an official announcement is expected to take place in the coming days.

## Professors discuss implications of presidential election

Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

In the aftermath of the 2020 election night this past Tuesday, many students and other campus members are left grappling with the results and speculating on what will happen moving forward. We reached out to professors across campus, from a wide range of departments and backgrounds, to collect their thoughts and opinions on the outcomes, as well as the process overall. Among those interviewed were Assistant Professor of English Chase Gregory, Professor of Political Science Chris Ellis, Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Erica Delsandro and Professor of Political Science Scott Meinke.

*How do you think this entire 2020 election process has gone? What has been the most important keystone(s) to you?*

Delsandro: "The Trump presidency and the election process has fanned the flames of racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia while simultaneously portraying moral leadership and political ethics as indications of weakness. Moreover, the Trump presidency and the election process has revealed stark divides regarding political approaches to the health and well-being of the country as well as the role of science in evidence-based decision making. And from my disciplinary perspective, the Trump presidency

and the election process has reinforced a version of toxic masculinity that many had hoped was nearly extinct."

Gregory: "I think that the election has brought to light a lot of things about the electoral process in general that are instructive: namely, the COVID-19 crisis and the blatant fear-mongering from the President have both turned the volume up on problems that were extant in the system before. I'm glad to have seen so many states increase non-in-person polling options; I'm troubled that these new options are being met with skepticism and impatience."

Ellis: "This election has really been a trying one, for voters and policymakers alike. Trying to do this in the middle of a pandemic, with lots of states changing the way that they receive or count votes, and our national polarization, has just made this process hard. I think that the biggest lasting change will be the number of people who vote early or by mail."

*What do you predict for the results? Are you surprised by the results? What do you think will happen next?*

Delsandro: "Unfortunately, I do not think we will have definitive results right away. And even when we do have results, chances are that they will be contested. We are entering into uncharted territory."

Gregory: "The 'most surprising thing to me, honestly, is that voting went relatively smoothly (except for uncon-

scionable waiting times in line) and that there has been relatively little violence so far. I am not very surprised that it is close — there is a lot of hate and anger out there, and a lot of people in this country are still loyal to Trump. When I do get down about the results this far, I take hope from mirage states that I know will originally lean red but will likely flip to blue once mail-in votes are counted. I think in the next few weeks we can expect to see escalating unrest, more lies about the vote being over and a long, drawn-out process."

Ellis: "One fairly big surprise is how much better Trump seemed to do among nonwhite voters, particularly men. It wasn't enough to win them, of course, but it signals perhaps a new direction for what the Republican party might look like."

*What is your initial response/reaction?*

Meinke: "As of [Nov. 4], it looks like it will be a narrow win for whichever candidate gets the majority, and it could be several days before we have final results. So this is not at all surprising from that perspective. Whichever way the final result goes, the close result is a reflection of the polarization in the electorate and the way that polarization interacts with the Electoral College. Biden will likely win the national popular vote by a margin in the millions. But the result comes down to a small number of

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## Bison Votes encourages political participation

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Throughout this election season, Bison Votes, a student-led group, has been actively working to spread the word about the importance of voting; inform students about the two candidates, their parties and what policies they bring to the table; and share general resources and provide assistance in all ways — all from the onset of the semester right up to election day.

Bison Votes is the first campus-wide organization, based out of the University's Office of Civic Engagement, that attempted to combine aspects of the different departments and perspectives in order to engage students, researchers, planners and administrators as well as the local community. According to the University's 2020 Action Plan, the mission of this group is to increase the University's electoral participation by 10% and aid the larger community's understanding about the election process, voting details and candidate profiles. Furthermore, they hope to increase community engagement, specifically as it relates to citizens' civic duty to vote.

The leadership team is overseen by Director of the Office of Civic Engagement Theresa Cusimano and is led by Helen Lauterbach '21, Paul Danenberg '23, Emily

Goldman '22, Abby Kapp '21, Matthew Paddock '24 and Bethany Johnson '21, along with other student members.

"I had actually helped to start the Bison Votes plan before [the coronavirus pandemic] last spring. It began with the All In Democracy Challenge and it eventually grew to what we know as Bison Votes today," Goldman said of the group's formation.

As an organization, Bison Votes collaborates with the University's political science department, Campus Activities & Programs (CAP), Bucknell Student Government (BSG), College Democrats, Independents and Republicans. Within the local community, they work with the League of Women Voters, the Conflict Mediation Center, Secretary of State, County Elections Board, candidates, The Hub and Green New Deal Lewisburg, among many others. According to the University's Action Plan for this year, Bison Votes made additional efforts to engage and advertise their cause through Bucky the Bison mascot, as well as educating students about the organization during programs such as New Student Orientation.

In partnership with the offices of Equity and Inclusive Excellence and the Griot Institute, Bison Votes began their efforts with a campus and community-wide Zoom meeting in September to educate students

about the electoral process, specifically warning about the naked ballot challenges that are somewhat unique in Pennsylvania. Their main feat was providing the campus with TurboVote, a website that assists individuals in figuring out what they need to register to vote, how to register and the following steps that need to be taken to get their vote in. Members of Bison Votes promoted this tool through tabling, social media posts and posters with QR codes scattered around campus. As a result, Bison Votes was able to register 200 students who requested assistance and logged almost 800 students on to the University's TurboVote.

"We partnered with TurboVote to ensure an easy, fast and safe registration process. On a related note, we educated students on how PA is a swing state. This meant many students felt that their partisan voice was the majority at home and that their vote would matter more in PA. TurboVote allowed these students to register in PA," Goldman said.

In particular, Bison Votes helped students who struggled with voter registration online, were unable to upload their signatures or were not identified in the Pennsylvania database with their social security numbers. They also helped students in isolation and quarantine request emergency

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# Campus hosts election reflection events

Jess Kaplan  
Print Managing Co-Editor

As the tumultuous election cycle concludes, the University is hosting a series of events to reflect upon the immediate aftermath of the election. With countless forums, voter registration drives and student debates, the election has dominated campus (and Zoom) discussions for over a year.

In a campus-wide email, University President John Bravman explained that these events will align with the University's Civic Action Plan, which aspires to expand the civic consciousness and capacities of its faculty and students through scholarship and discussion. Bravman also acknowledged that although many students are emotionally invested in the election, students must remain respectful of the democratic process. "Many individuals are highly invested in the outcome of races in all levels of government. This investment is a requisite part of a vibrant democracy. However, no matter which candidates you support, please be respectful of the democratic process... Be the Bucknellians I know you to be," Bravman said.

Many students have grappled with anxiety and anguish as the election neared. The Counseling & Student Development Center (CSDC) has provided Outreach Resources and Tips & Practices for students to help manage stress. The CSDC hosted two drop-in Zoom sessions as a safe space in the community on Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. "In this semester of great uncertainty, the U.S. Presidential election has the potential to compound the anxiety of many members of our community, and we recognize the disparate impact of the upcoming election on those who are already feeling vulnerable in our current highly polarized environment," Counseling and Student Development Center Director Kelly Kettlewell said on the Message Center.

Likewise, Chaplain Kurt Nelson led a meditative Labyrinth Walk — an ancient spiritual practice that focuses on center-

ing, contemplation and tranquility — on Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. and Nov. 5 at 12 p.m. beginning at the Farm Shed. "[A Labyrinth Walk is] a simple, accessible, practice which has meant something to people across continents and millennia, right here in our own backyard," Nelson said. "It is meant to introduce anyone who wishes to a grounding practice in the midst of these anxious days (not merely a polarized election, but a pandemic, and a semester, and the renewed visibility and focus of racist violence)."

Nelson, along with Rabbi Jessica Goldberg and Chaplain for the Muslim Community Muhammad Ali, hosted a multi-faith "Chaplain Chat" on Nov. 5 at 4:30 p.m. Nelson advertised the conversation as a time for listening, reflection and processing as we begin to understand what civic responsibility looks like at such a polarized moment. "We need to do some deep listening and some connecting to the stories that underpin how we vote and identify politically. Hopefully there, we can build some bridges and forge a new way forward as we think about building a more just and peaceful and perfect union," he said.

Other discussions will use student reactions and concerns as a launchpad to critically analyze the nature of democracy and civil discourse. "The Humanities Center Hot Topics: Election, Humanities, Democracy" hosted by Assistant Professor of Philosophy Adam Burgos and Assistant Professor of Women and Gender Studies Erica Delsandro on Nov. 6 at 12:30 p.m. will use skills taught in Humanities classes — such as discerning a narrative, the role of logical argumentation, and intellectual curiosity — to interpret the immediate aftermath of the election. "As humanities professors we want our students to be active, critical and invested civic actors, and we think a prioritization of the humanities aids in these goals," Burgos said.

Similarly, Kelsey Hicks-Buns, director of the Women's Resource Center, and Christina Johnson, staff psychologist-mul-

"What's Next: A Post Election Dialogue with Kelsey & Christina," and the political science department hosted a Zoom Q&A on Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Both events considered the implications of each possible outcome through a feminist, economic and political lens.

There was also a student-led Post-Election Round Table on Nov. 5 from 5-6 p.m., which student organizers advertised as "a space for multi-partisan discussion and focused on ideas and topics rather than on candidates."

U.S. President Donald Trump's victory in 2016 halted academic work in many University courses in the days after the election. Many professors have already made scheduling adjustments in advance. "I've tried to make the classroom a place for exchanging information and processing; I think it's okay if our syllabus goals take a backseat for a bit, if it means creating that space," Assistant Professor of English Literature Chase Gregory said.

Gregory also geared her class assignments in the weeks leading up to election day towards themes that related to events outside of the classroom. "In my 'Divas, Drag, and Dirt' class, for example, we talked about the ways camp aesthetic can both kick against and abet the rise of fascism (we watched 'Cabaret,' learned about punk music's appropriation of Nazi fashion and discussed Milo Yiannopoulos and the rise of the alt-right)," Gregory said.

As students continue to process the election, faculty urge students to be active, critical and invested members in the University and national community. "Bucknellians have a long history of performing their civic duty as active members of and leaders in their communities. I encourage you to follow in that tradition by staying informed about political issues, thinking critically and participating safely, thoughtfully and constructively in your communities both here and at home," said President Bravman.

## BISON VOTES

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ballots, as well as partnered with the Athletics Department at the University, increasing voter registration by approximately 1,000.

The Bison Votes team also presented themselves as individual resources by readily answering text messages and emails as well as accepting office visits. Additionally, they hosted voter-education events over Zoom, walked people to the county election office and drove some to their polling locations.

"Members of the office and many other students reached out to take on the role of residence hall 'captain,' answering questions their fellow hallmates had and making sure as many people as possible were ready to vote," Paddock said. He went on to describe how they "employed the use of social media outlets and email blasts to keep reminding the student body to get out and effectuate positive change through the democratic process."

The group also created "I Voted" stickers to hand out to students. "I knew that this was a first voting election for many students and I thought it would be special for students to be able to take a souvenir home

that they voted at college," Goldman, who came up with the idea, said.

The student members of Bison Votes promote the importance of political engagement, especially for University students. "I think it is imperative for college students to vote because it is our future ahead of us; and the decisions we make now, including voting, impacts that future and the future of the younger generations after us," Johnson said. "We are an educated group of young adults who should exercise our right to vote even when it feels like it won't make a difference and even when it feels pointless."

"The right to vote is an essential part of our American democracy. Even on a small scale, voting allows individuals to possess a voice, making crystal clear the opinions, desires and policy initiatives of the American public to representatives in government," Paddock said.

Though the stakes are high, Bison Votes volunteers are confident that their contributions have made an impact. "It has been a stress-

ful 24 hours, just waiting for the official results and reflecting on what the results will mean for the world as we know it. Despite what happens, I feel comfort just knowing that my generation is composed of intelligent individuals who are willing to raise their voices against injustice and hatred without shame," Johnson said.

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# Weis Center voters hope to flip Pa. blue

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As polls opened on Tuesday morning, more than 100 million Americans had already cast their vote; nevertheless, long lines of students outside the Weis Center for the Performing Arts toted cups of coffee and scrolled through their phones as they eagerly waited to cast their ballot in what was many's first presidential election.

"I was excited to vote in my first presidential election. Voting here was an easy smooth process," Abby Malek '24 said.

Students registered to vote in Union County were assigned polling places based on their place of residency. Those living in Bucknell West voted at Eichhorn Middle School, while students living in the Entrepreneurship & Innovation affinity house, the Phi Gamma Delta house, the Sustainability House and Outdoor House Voted at the Union County Courthouse. All other on-campus students voted at the Weis Center.

Green New Deal Lewisburg (GNDL) and Equality Votes each handed out voting stickers, snacks and personal protective gear to those waiting in line. "We make sure people have the resources they need because many polling places have lines of over two hours. This location seems to be going pretty smoothly but if people need to wait we'll provide PPE, snacks, hand sanitizer or anything else they need," GNDL volunteer Marielle Miller said. Miller and GNDL also

stopped voters as they were leaving the polls and encouraged them to text reminding three friends to vote.

Delia Hughes '21 of Equality Votes similarly wanted to energize voters in line. "Obviously it is really important to vote because not everyone has that privilege and so much is on the line — especially in Pennsylvania. We're just trying to do what we can," Hughes said.

Many were excited to vote in a swing state, hoping that their vote would swing Pennsylvania blue. "I'm from New Jersey, which is always a blue state, so it's especially empowering to be able to vote in a state that has been so heavily focused on leading up to the election and could ultimately decide the result," Samantha Salazar '21 said.

Others were inspired to vote by the turmoil of U.S. President Donald Trump's presidency. "I'm voting to make America a better place again. The last four years has been very stressful, to say the least," said Galaan Abdissa '21.

Emily Thomas '21 expressed a similar sentiment but emphasized that she was using her vote to speak for the marginalized communities. "I'm voting not only for myself but for other people. People deserve to have a president that cares about them and is not going to destroy the country. I want to do what I can with my privilege to vote."

Election analysts agree that Pennsylvania is the narrowest race in the "blue wall" states; it is likely that who-

ever wins Pennsylvania will have a clear path to the White House. With all Pennsylvania voters eligible for mail-in voting for the first time in the 2020 election, more than three million ballots were requested statewide — nearly half the total turnout in 2016. More Republicans were expected to vote on Election Day, while Democrats opted for mail-in ballots, when to count and how to report results has become a point of contention. In fact, Union County Election officials reversed previous policy; directives from the Pennsylvania State Department announced that ballot mailings received in the three-day grace period will be counted.

As of Wednesday evening, Union County had voted heavily red. Trump led the polls with 12,188 (61.61%) votes in Union County, while former Vice President Joe Biden trailed behind with 7,314 (36.97%) votes. Republican incumbents were re-elected to Congress, as State Treasurer and the General Assemblies.

As a Pennsylvania voter, Kailyn Carr '22 expected Union County to vote Republican. "I can't say I was necessarily surprised by the Union County poll results, and that is only because of what I have seen and experienced not only here in Lewisburg but also in my home county of Tioga, Pa.," Carr said. "As a first-time voter who voted via mail-in, I was excited to add my voice to everyone else's as a way to contribute to the much-needed change in this country."

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states, especially Pennsylvania, that are very evenly divided, making the election competitive. On another note, I'll add that I think it is very dangerous for a candidate to claim victory or treat the count as fraudulent when a good deal of the vote in key states remains to be counted. It is crucial for democracy that we allow the votes to be counted, and it is necessary and expected that states will follow their rules and processes to arrive at a final count."

Gregory: "In some ways, relief, weirdly, because I'm relieved that things appear to be relatively calm in terms of violent voter suppression. Hope that all votes will be counted and a Biden victory will be incontestable in court. Disappointment that local elections failed to go blue, certainly, after a good fight. Outright anger at my home state of California for passing Prop 22. Mostly feeling numb as we sit in limbo, but very willing to sit here as long as it takes."

Ellis: "My initial response is just 'Wow.' I honestly did not expect the presidential result to be this close. The polls were ultimately off more this year than they were in 2016, and the next few weeks will be an autopsy of why that was the case."

Do you think this 2020 election is especially important? Why?

Meinke: "The 2020 election is critically important. The two parties and their candidates present starkly different visions of

how government should work, of our role in the world and of what American society should look like."

Gregory: "I do. America has always been an unsafe and deeply unequal place, but the past four years have felt different. The people in power have adopted the rhetoric and mentality of fascism, rather than the neoliberal modes of oppression we are used to. This shift registers in this administration's additions to an already abhorrent immigration policy, in the people this administration hires and nominates to the court, in its stance on healthcare, in its violence against protestors and in its explicit appeal to groups like the Proud Boys. To me, this election is a choice between a genocidal, reactionary logic or a conservative, centrist logic. Both have a long history of oppression, but the latter at least feels fightable. I am not sure democracy can happen again if we disregard it this election."

Ellis: "Given what happened, I think the next few years in the United States will be a time that almost nothing gets done. A Biden Presidency with a Republican Senate basically means everything Biden wants to do is dead-on-arrival, and Trump would have to contend with a Democratic House. This election was important stylistically, but it ultimately won't make that much difference in terms of policy," Ellis said.

What do you think is the

most important thing for students (and others) to recognize with the results of this election?

Delsandro: "I think it is paramount that students realize that politics do not just that happen 'out there' in the 'real world.' Rather, politics are everywhere. They are the sea in which we swim. We are impacted by policing, healthcare, immigration and tax law. We are shaped by narratives vying to define patriotism, the American dream, liberty and freedom."

Gregory: "I think it's most important to realize that it's going to take a long time to resolve, and that even after this election, the fight is far from over. Thinking of this as a lifelong marathon, and not a sprint, is crucial. Recognizing this means also taking breaks to care for yourself and others. I also hope that students really recognize the stakes here — we are at a turning point in our history, and the arc can bend toward something revolutionary or something from which there is no turning back."

Ellis: "The most important thing is that we're a very divided nation, and that's made worse by people trying to demonize or villainize the 'other side.' I don't know if I'm optimistic about this, but I think it's important for students to realize that periods post-election are times to heal and come together. I hope we can still do that, because at the end of the day, there's more that unites us than divides us."

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## EDITORIAL: AN AGGRAVATING ELECTION, AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

It is possible that the 2020 presidential election will not be over by the time this piece is published; there is still so much we don't know, so much which remains up in the air, so many apparently inexplicable dynamics and bizarre polling errors yet to be elucidated. It is likely that we will be figuring out what this election means for a very, very long time. So instead, let us focus on what we truly do know and can conclude at this present moment.

From the current returns being released from Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Nevada — all undecided races at the time of writing — along with the called victories in Michigan and Wisconsin, former Vice President Joe Biden looks poised to win both the popular vote and the Electoral College in the 2020 election.

This victory is, however, in no sense a resounding one; Trump garnered in excess of 66 million votes and over 200 electors, deeply subverting the Democratic desire to repudiate "Trumpism" as a political and moral philosophy. The fact that the election was a nail-biter instead of a decisive victory is, in our view, a deeply shameful reflection of both the state of our nation and the strategic acumen of the Democratic Party. An incumbent who oversaw a mass death event claiming over 225,000 American lives, the deepest recession in nearly a century, family separation and constant and inhumane crackdowns on innocent protestors should be profoundly easy to defeat in a general election; the fact that the Biden campaign ignored its quite conspicuous issues with potential Latino and Black

turnout (and, indeed, made a point of excluding them from their "path to victory") cost them Florida and large swaths of Texas.

Notwithstanding the campaign's major failures, however, it is particularly disgraceful to see all of the aforementioned chaos lead to higher Trump turnout than in 2016. It represents a large constituency of this country who is, at best, unconcerned with systemic racism, economic inequality and their own personal health and safety, and at worst, one which is actively hostile to a critical examination of those issues. A president who has quite literally threatened to undermine the democratic process — the American value par excellence, though evidently one of the few on which Trump's base of support is happy to compromise

— should not be this difficult to reject outright.

But it was. And the most dedicated fringes of this group will be the core of Biden's dilemma as, in all likelihood, the next President of the United States. Biden will have to find a way to work with a massive constituency of fiercely ideological, authoritarian and conspiracy-prone American citizens, many of whom hold their sole political goal to be "owning the libs." He will have to restore our confidence in the institutions Trump has dismantled and hollowed out for personal gain — the federal courts, the executive agencies, the Justice Department and Treasury and so on — while tackling a hyper-partisan Supreme Court, split legislature and a citizenry which provides no clear mandate for Biden's political platform. This is the

unfortunate reality of the next four years and will haunt his presidency unerringly.

Moreover, Biden's own defects as a politician and leader only further exacerbate the difficulty with which this country can not only recover from the past four years, but can achieve true progress. While many may see a Biden presidency as an end to an uncharacteristically intolerant and oppressive administration, doing so ignores the many policy failings Biden himself has had — failings that have served to deepen the pervasive systemic inequalities that already existed in this country. Whether it be his past racist policies, his denial of universal healthcare or his refusal to adopt a Green New Deal, it is more than evident that Joe Biden's neoliberal politics will not

be the end to this country's failings, and simply 'returning to normal' would be an offense to the highest degree. Normal in the United States has always actively excluded and oppressed the most marginalized communities; while Biden and his supporters have campaigned on a message of unity, these injustices will not disappear with a Biden presidency. Regardless of the outcome of this year's election, we must continue to mobilize for racial, economic and climate justice. No matter how difficult that road may be, it will be necessary for our country to walk back from the brink of destructive conflict, to bridle accusations of fraud or electoral dishonesty and to organize along the axes of our common economic and material concerns to agitate for lasting change.

## Trump v. Biden on race issues

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Meaningful dialogue on racial inequality in the United States must acknowledge the ways America's white supremacist roots pervade housing, education, and economic opportunity. It is an incredibly complex subject that can not fully be encompassed in a single opinion article. However, as it is critical to both presidential campaigns, it should at the very least be discussed.

The current president has insisted time and again that he is "the least racist person anybody is going to meet." It is an unbelievably hyperbolic statement on its own, but when juxtaposed with his blatantly racist speeches and policies, it feels almost insulting. While Biden has outlined his plans for addressing racial inequality, Trump has done no such thing. This is likely because he has often cast doubt on the presence of systemic racism in the United States, and has been vocal about his opposition towards critical race theory (CRT).

The 1619 Project, created in 2019 by the New York Times, represents one instance of the

CRT approach to education in recent times. The Project was created in an effort to bring racism and the enduring ramifications of slavery to the forefront American history education. The Times's work was naturally condemned by Trump over its implication that the United States was founded on the back of a racist labor regime, which he considered to be "toxic propaganda...that, if not removed, will dissolve the civic bonds that tie us together."

While Trump does not have a broad plan for addressing the fulminant racial justice movement in the United States, he has proposed a policy which seeks to help smaller businesses and medical centers in minority communities. The President has also touted historically low unemployment rates among African Americans prior to the pandemic. This is indeed a continued positive trend established by the previous administration.

But this should not be taken on its own, as the pandemic has clearly shown how unprepared the country is in many ways. To say that minorities in the United States were better off just before the pandemic — without acknowledging their disproportionate suffering as a result of it — is

dangerously disingenuous.

Trump and many of his allies insist that, because slavery was ended and the Civil Rights Movement established legal and political equality for non-white citizens, structural racism has effectively been dismantled, and whatever is there can simply be the product of a few disgruntled individuals. But minorities in America consistently face greater work discrimination, remain more likely to be unemployed and on average earn less money than their white counterparts.

This is by no means a problem brought upon by the current administration. But in continuing to fervently deny its existence, Trump has made it more difficult to remedy these glaring issues, and will likely continue to do so should he be reelected. In not bothering to address racist tendencies among the police and vilifying protesters who march against epidemic police brutality, he has consistently cast doubt on the existence of critical social dynamic in the United States.

Former Vice President Joe Biden has, on the other hand, laid out a detailed and

wide-ranging plan in an attempt to provide greater equality among all racial demographics. Part of this agenda is called "Build Back Better," which seeks not merely to address economic disparity among races, but also combat the adverse effects of the pandemic on minorities. He further has expressed in the plan a desire to invest in affordable housing and, like Trump, smaller businesses.

Biden has also proposed efforts to provide a higher education for minority communities. As NPR wrote, "The plan also focuses on providing relief from student debt and would make public colleges and universities — and private historically Black schools — tuition-free for families with incomes under \$125,000." Such an initiative would serve to benefit a large constituency of minorities with serious material concerns in the United States.

In response to the national protests against police brutality, the Vice President did not call for defunding the police, instead advocating for increased funding to community policing. He claims this will more comfortably allow the police to focus

on protecting their communities. Biden has repeatedly stated that federal funding will be provided for police institutions so long as they meet "certain basic standards of decency and honorableness." It is a positive sentiment, but one wonders if it is nearly enough to tackle such a prominent issue. Biden has also argued that the current administration has not implemented legislation he passed during his tenure as a senator such as pattern-or-practice investigations.

Given the Vice President's lengthy history in government that he often refers back to, it is worth taking a look at his past record. In doing so, we simply can't ignore the mistakes he has made as senator, such as his comments on busing. He discouraged the efforts for desegregation that would bring minority students into majority white schools and vice versa in certain cities by bus. The policy was praised at the time, but it was also criticized by people including Biden, who viewed it as inimical to further progress on racial justice.

Biden's most worrying sentiments are from half a century ago, and it is undeniable

that sentiments change and perspectives can shift. But if Biden wishes to become the next president with a minimum of effort, we can not ignore his past mistakes. We need to hold him accountable for his policies — such as a 1994 Crime Bill — which offered states funding to build more prisons while incarcerating a disproportionate number of black people. His new plans do attempt to provide funding for alternatives to prisons, but that does not remove such a blemish on his record.

Even if Biden's attitudes are more compassionate than Trump's, should he become the next president, we must work to ensure that Biden keeps his word on his proposed policies. But if Trump emerges as the victor, it is difficult to say what can be done. He has proven himself an inconsiderate leader with little regard for large portions of the population. His policies have appeared superficially beneficial, but upon further inspection they only further clarify his position as a president and are rather far from being "the least racist person anybody is going to meet."

## ELECTION 2020 SATIRE

*Amazing: Biden wears rainbow pin while allowing conversion therapy*

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For those of you who let this election pass you by because you don't think there is any distinguishable difference between U.S. President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, you could not be more wrong. The fact that two old, straight, white men appear indistinguishable in their values to some is disgusting and embarrassing.

Sure, they had a stand-off in a debate about who hates the environment the most when it comes to fracking just to secure a few extra votes. And yes, they both are most definitely at least extremely creepy with women, if not worse. Also, they are simi-

larly both super pumped about the police and absolutely will not even consider supporting defunding them because, you know, white men.

But you know where the real difference lies? Before Biden would ever think about continuing to allow mass incarceration of Black men, he is going to post a picture of a black square on his Instagram so you know he is woke. He may sit in the White House while conversion camps are still active in the United States, but you can bet your bottom he's going to be wearing a cute little rainbow pin in his clasp.

They may both be in the pockets of the one percent and refuse to give a hoot about any of us common folk, but at

least Biden can stomach the idea of liking minority groups for the public optics. And while he is absolutely still a racist person, at least he isn't endorsed by the KKK, so it's a little less obvious.

And isn't that what America is all about? Pretending to make amends with historically marginalized groups through performative activism while still oppressing them through capitalist schemes has been done for so long, and when someone like Trump begins to blatantly show disdain towards those groups, we must draw the line. I hope you voted for someone who hides their discrimination to the greatest degree, so we can all continue to pretend it doesn't exist.

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You spent the past four years arguing with your great uncle about why it's bad to hate gay people. You told your grandma we definitely do not say "colored" anymore and it absolutely did not stick. You asked your estranged cousin why she hates feminists so much when they literally gave her the right to vote. It all came down to this week.

But you know what the real test is? Sitting across from those very same people at Thanksgiving at the end of the month. Remember when your grandpa said your same-sex relationship would

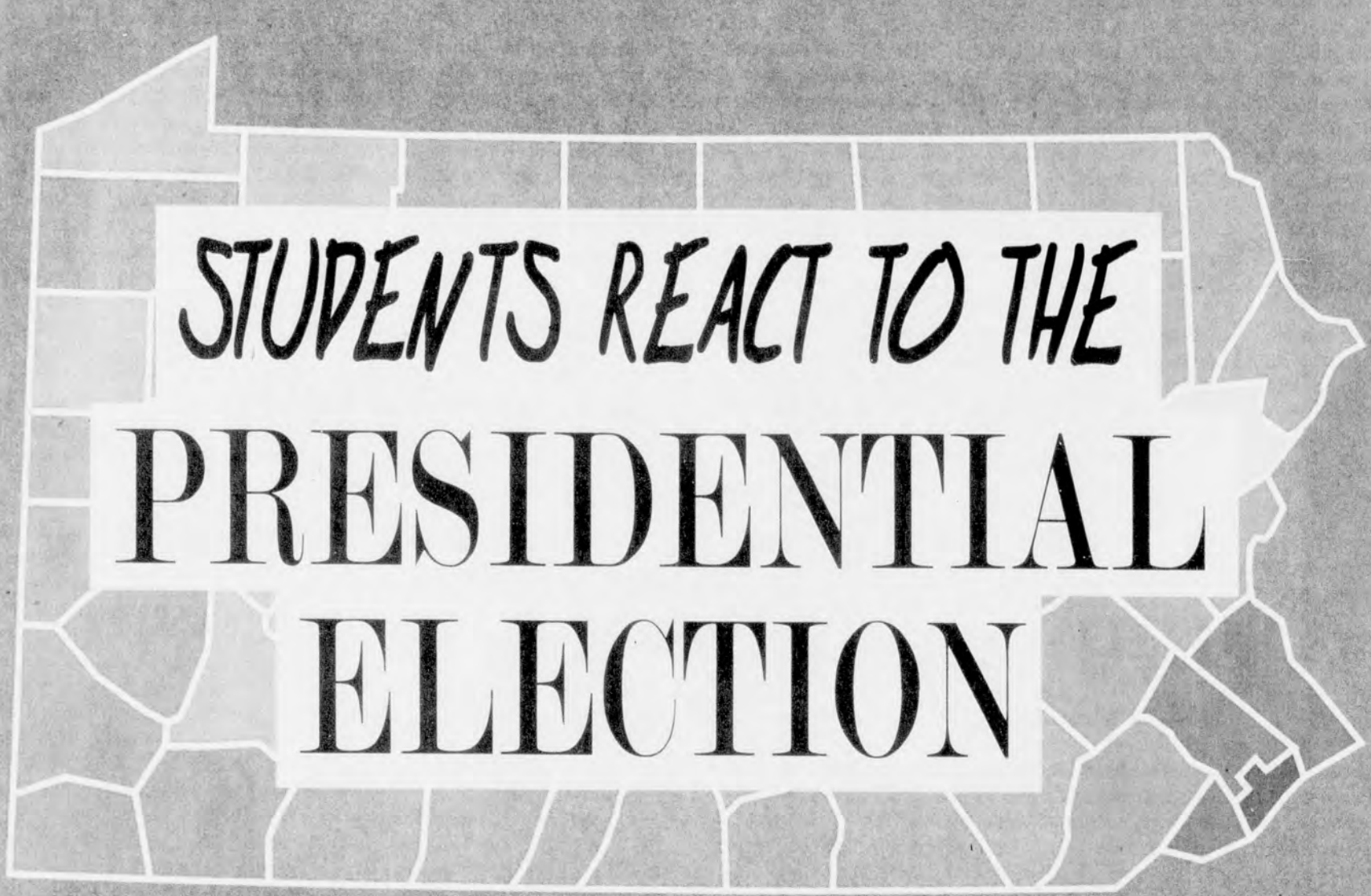
never be acknowledged by the family and will give you a one-way, express ticket straight to Hell? Well, you better push that aside unless you plan on going the rest of the meal without asking him to pass the cranberry sauce.

Fortunately, experts now say that political thoughts are equivalent to drunk words. Your family, friends and colleagues only felt comfortable being racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, islamophobic dirtbags because they were intoxicated by the power of their favored politician. But have no fear. Just like the way your ex called and said they were still in love with you whilst under the influence, those you hold nearest and dearest to your

heart will say you are crazy, sensitive and overly emotional when you push them on their words after the fact.

Well, now that they will hopefully no longer be emboldened by a certain politician, we get to just lock those words away until another presidential administration that encourages unspeakable behavior, just like your friends do on a wine night when you're all feeling a little too bold. Thankfully, there is no evidence to delete that reminds you of the scene of the atrocity, just scarring memories of your closest companion's lack of compassion for, well, all of the people that don't look like Matthew McConaughey.





# STUDENTS REACT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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With college campuses as the driver behind many social and eco-

nomie justice campaigns nationwide, it is no surprise that the University has experienced a wave of heightened activism in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 3 general election — whether by educating their peers on the voting process,

encouraging others to vote or simply sharing their own political viewpoints. Such actions came to a head during the highly anticipated presidential election between U.S. President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden.

With hundreds of thousands of ballots that have yet to be counted, the 2020 presidential election is still underway. We reached out to several University students for their reactions on Nov. 3's election and the events following.

## STUDENT REFLECTIONS

Most students, such as Clare Merante '21, are in agreement that it is too soon to predict who will win the presidency. "I'm not sure who is going to win. At first it looked like Trump was going to win, but now I really don't know because it depends on only a few states. Trump's claim that the election is rigged is all BS," Merante said.

"I voted in Lewisburg so I've done as much as I can at the current moment. I am anxious about the results, but I am not letting it control my life at the moment. I also expected us not to know for a while," Jamie Falla '22 said.

Others agreed that this year's election is unprecedented. "It was pretty interesting to see the results last night. It's still crazy that we still don't have a gauge on what will come in the next few days, especially with the range of laws on mail-in ballots. This is definitely atypical from other election years," Jack de la Parra '22 said.

"I think that last night gave us an interesting overview of what's to come in the next couple of days. Right

now, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania decide who the president will be. While that is scary, I hope everyone in those states, especially here at Bucknell, was able to partake in their civil duty and vote," Taylor Armstrong '23 said.

Some students, however, remained concerned with the current ambiguity of results, unsure if their preferred candidate will be successful. "I think last night surprised everyone, especially with the whole mail-in situation in Pennsylvania. We had a strong showing for Trump in the beginning but now it's uncertain because all of the mail-in votes are still yet to be counted. Trump shows a lot of confidence," Adam Baranik '23 said.

Virginia Saionz '24 had similar concerns, especially regarding whether all votes will be counted. "I stayed up last night to see how everything turned out. I obviously didn't get a clear answer. I am concerned that Trump won't acknowledge the mail-in ballots," Saionz said.

With the high number of mail-in ballots, many are frustrated with the amount of time it will take to have a definitive vic-

tor in the state. "Pennsylvania still has 1.4 million mail-in ballots to be counted, plus there are about 200,000 that haven't been recorded from largely democratic counties. So Pennsylvania might still swing blue as long as they don't stop counting votes," Lily McKenna '21 said. "I was just looking at the maps and four states of the six that have not declared yet are leaning blue. I'm stressed but am not as sad as I was in 2016."

Brendan Arnold '24 echoed McKenna's sentiment. "I think it's very clear that we have a problem with our polling. With the mail-ins coming in, we should see Michigan flip blue and possibly Nevada and Pennsylvania, which would give Biden the victory. This is still not the blue wave we were expecting," he said.

Others, however, are attempting to remain hopeful despite the current ambiguity behind the election results. "Myself and a bunch of friends who are passionate about politics were frantically texting last night as we learned more about which direction each state was heading, and we stopped watch-

ing at around 1 a.m. There's definitely some nerves regarding the place we're at now," Nabeel Jan '23 said. "We kind of expected a bit of a widespread rebuke of the president (especially in the Senate and House) but as the night went on it was kind of disappointing to see how the votes turned out. We're pretty cautiously optimistic right now though, and we just need to get through the next couple of days."

In any case, students are concerned with the discord that has arisen throughout this election season, as well as how the outcome of the presidential election will further these divisions. "I am worried. This cycle has proved to be eerily similar to that of 2016. I worry for the damage that we know can be brought on by deep political and cultural divisions," Kip Halligan '21 said. "I worry that our safe and secure voting process is openly being brought into question by the President on Twitter. I worry that this process will leave an indelible wound on our nation. The USA needs a big group hug, but I fear we won't get one."



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## LEWISBURG RESIDENTS HOLD COUNT EVERY VOTE RALLY



Members of Green New Deal Lewisburg hold a pro-democracy demonstration in Hufnagle Park a day after the general election.

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2020 ELECTION RESULTS

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Editor-in-Chief

Over 50 University and community members mobilized in Hufnagle Park to advocate for the counting of all ballots before an official presidential winner is announced. The action, organized by Green New Deal Lewisburg (GNDL), was precipitated by the ambiguous results of the 2020 election — without a clear winner as of Thursday afternoon — as well as President Trump's premature claim of victory early

Wednesday morning.

"The number one point of this action is that we want to celebrate all of the election workers who are coming out to make sure that our voices count in this election," GNDL coordinator Lauren Ziolkowski said. "One of our biggest concerns is that the people in office right now are going to be undermining the voices of the people, and we want to make sure that doesn't happen."

"If you're going to have an election in America, there shouldn't be an issue of throwing out mail-in ballots and votes.

We want it to be a fair election, so that's the purpose of the event. And we are also trying to get people more aware of what's going on," Marielle Miller, another organizer, said. "It's to draw attention for everybody — not just public officials."

On Wednesday, Union County officials indicated that they would not be counting ballots received from Wednesday to Friday, in opposition to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision that such votes would be valid. The county reversed their decision later that day and

will count all ballots through Monday. Synder and Northumberland County will separate ballots received during the grace period, though an official determination has not yet been made as to whether the ballots will be accepted.

The Nov. 4 demonstration saw GNDL members holding signs and banners with a variety of slogans ranging from "Protect the Results," "Our Communities Count," and "Our Voices Count" to "Our Futures Matter." Community members who attended the action were

also welcome to hold a sign and participate throughout.

Lewisburg residents Pat Piper-Smyer and Bernadine Richard attended the event after hearing about it from Associate Professor of Environment Studies and GNDL organizer Andrew Stuhl. "We are here because we want to make sure every vote is counted. We are very concerned — we know that our governor wants to do the right thing, but we are not convinced that the legislature does," Piper-Smyer said.

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## Turkey & Trimmings program is back

Nicole Yeager  
Assistant News Editor

For the past 15 years, the University has participated in "Turkeys & Trimmings," a program designed to address food insecurity during the holiday season and to provide a rewarding opportunity for all community members to contribute to the cause. In past years, students and others put together "Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets" that are donated to local families to ensure they "have the means to prepare a meal of celebration." The baskets included boxed and/or canned stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables and a gift certificate for a turkey. This program is hosted by the Office of Civic Engagement; this year Assistant Director of Community Service Lynn Pierson and Education and Outreach Coordinator Carl Nelson made the necessary adjustments to ensure "Turkeys & Trimmings" would still happen in the midst of the pandemic.

"Food insecurity is a growing problem for many of our friends and neighbors in the Susquehanna Valley," Nelson said. "According to Feeding America, it is estimated that the food insecurity rates for Union, Snyder and Northumberland Counties

will increase 50% as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Last year, our efforts (both basket donation and monetary) fed over 500 local individuals," he added. "This year, we are hoping to prepare around 120 baskets for donation."

The Office of Civic Engagement partners with various local organizations to deliver the baskets to families in need; this year, they are partnering with the following six organizations: Union County Assistance Office, Head Start Lewisburg, Head Start Northumberland, Penn Commons, Essex Place and Meadowview.

In order to participate in this program, any person or group in the campus community can sign up to donate one basket of food that could feed a family of four to six. "Gifts and other donations are always welcome to help raise spirits, but food is the core of this program," Nelson said.

As for the COVID-19 safety precautions, the following changes were made:

All baskets must be sealed or wrapped in order to minimize cross-contamination and to keep staff and families healthy (a great way to do this is to pack your basket in a reusable bin or container with a lid). "Our

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## Revised COVID-19 protocols for the final weeks on campus

Nicole Yeager  
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A week has passed since the University dealt with a sudden surge in the number of COVID-19 cases on campus. On Oct. 24, University President John Bravman sent out an email to all students with an urgent message that seven new positive cases of COVID-19 were confirmed and that there were now 10 total active cases on campus. In that initial email, Bravman called for immediate action, instructing students to return to their place of residence and remain there for the time being. He also shared that contact tracing had begun and that the Emergency Response Team would be meeting the following morning to further address the situation.

In the following days, Bravman and Dean of Students Amy Badal sent out a series of emails that outlined new procedures and regulations. The first note that was shared the following afternoon by Bravman reaffirmed the University's "[commitment] to remaining on campus and finishing the semester in residence." To make this possible, in-person

instruction was cancelled for the coming week, Bertrand Library and the Kenneth Langone Athletic and Recreation Center (KLARC) were closed down and all gatherings were cancelled. Dining services had remained open, however indoor seating was unavailable; students were encouraged to do take-out style. Additionally, visitors were banned and travel policies remained in place. Students were also given the option to go remote for the remainder of the semester. Most importantly, all students were required to get tested each week for the next two weeks.

Badal stressed that the campus was "not in lockdown" and encouraged students to "continue to move about campus or the immediate area while continuing to take health and safety precautions, including properly wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance."

The COVID-19 dashboard was updated daily to represent the number of active infections. Many students were also being contact-traced and sent into isolation housing at nearby hotels. However, the number of students in isolation reached its peak on Monday, Oct. 26 and

has been decreasing since then because students could opt to leave campus and all students were being tested.

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the University hosted a town hall where Bravman and Badal answered students' questions proctored by Bucknell Student Government (BSG) President Wilder Brice '22.

On Wednesday and Thursday, there were no new positive cases; on Friday, there was one new positive case. Bravman stated, "This is encouraging news as we wrap up a week of heightened restrictions to help contain the spread of the virus."

Bravman's latest email was sent out on Sunday, Nov. 1. He stated that the results of the past week's COVID-19 tests indicated that the spike in cases had been sufficiently controlled and that campus could return more-or-less to normal. This past week, classes of around 25 or fewer students were permitted to meet in person (at the professors' discretion), Bertrand Library and the KLARC center reopened and athletic and club activities resumed. With only two weeks left on-campus this semester, Bravman expects students to abide by the guidelines in order to in "finish together" and "finish strong."



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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

Brief by Nicole Yeager  
News Editor

### INTERNATIONAL

Vienna, Austria suffered from a rare terrorist attack, resulting in four dead and 23 wounded this past Monday. As of Tuesday evening, the 20-year-old gunman was arrested and it was revealed that he was not only well-known by authorities but also for trying to join ISIS. During the attack, the assailant was armed with an automatic rifle, a pistol, a machete and a dummy suicide belt. The assailant's publicized history of a prison sentence for an attempt at joining ISIS, and his overall high profile on the radar of Austria's intelligence and law enforcement, paired with recent terrorist attacks in France, have led to questions about whether he should have been more closely watched.

The United Nations (UN) migration agency released a statement that a deadly shipwreck off Senegal resulted in the death of at least 140 immigrants. According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the boat departed from Mbour, a coastal town in western Senegal and was bound for Spain's Canary Islands when it caught fire; the boat capsized near Saint-Louise, on the country's northwest coast. The purpose of this voyage was part of a larger effort to combat illegal trafficking and smuggling networks.

### DOMESTIC

New Jersey passed Public Question 1 of the 2020 ballot, legalizing cannabis for recreational use. Many politicians have reported that this decision was "long overdue," as it has resulted in a high number of arrests and convictions. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, who has actively campaigned in favor of the vote, expressed triumph at the decision. After the general election season, 36 states have now legalized cannabis for medical use, and 15 of these for recreational as well.

Reports on Tropical Storm Eta indicate that it is set to soon move toward the U.S. coast. The hurricane's main early targets include Nicaragua and Honduras, where tides surged up to 21 feet and catastrophic damages from rains, winds and flooding have been left; there, the storm was slow-moving and was classified as a Category 4 Hurricane on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The storm is expected to reemerge over the Caribbean Sea and likely move over Cuba by Sunday; this would lead Eta to the southeast coast, particularly Florida, in the next week.

## COUNT EVERY VOTE RALLY

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Mary Collier '21, a leader for the organization, began by giving a speech stressing the importance of having a fair election. "Elections are decided by voters, not by decree," Collier said. "We're going to ensure that every voice is heard and every vote is counted until we swear in a government of, by and for the people."

Organizers and attendees were invited to share their own stories on why the election is important and what is at stake for them; responses ranged from "a livable future" to "the environment" to "social justice." GNDL members Sydney Polinchock '23, Ziolkowski, El King '22 and Stuhl each gave speeches on the significance of this year's election and their reasons for getting involved with the Sunrise Movement. Polinchock discussed her own family's experiences with climate change and the wildfires in California, while Ziolkowski and Stuhl emphasized their frustration at the current administration's policies and handling of the election.

"[Trump] will say that we are trying to steal the election when it's our communities that count, it's our futures

that count, it's our votes that count," Stuhl said.

Between speeches, the group asked participants to join them in song, singing pieces from the Sunrise Movement's song handbook. Collier, Miller and Stuhl concluded the demonstration by taking turns reading from the poem, "Active Hope" by Joanna Macy before inviting attendees to sing one final song.

"This is the first presidential election that I've voted in, and it's really important to me that we have a government that cares about the people, and that works for the people. It's absolutely disgusting to me that my vote might not count in this election," attendee Emma Kristjansson-Gural said. "I want to make sure that that happens and that every single person across the United States who voted feels like they had a say in who gets to be the next president."

Kristjansson-Gural's mother, Kathy, echoed this sentiment. "I'm outraged that Trump has called the election and says he's won, and that he thinks it's okay to call it before all the votes are counted," she said. "Every single vote needs to be counted. That's why I'm here."

## Upcoming Campus Events

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Assistant News Editor

Jennifer Loyd & David Joseph  
7-8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6

"What's Next: A Post Election Dialogue with Kelsey & Christina"  
12-1 p.m.

BHC Hot Topics: "Election, Humanities, Democracy"  
12:30-2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7  
Keepingitreal: Movie Night  
7:30-9 p.m. @ Uptown & Commons

Sunday, Nov. 8

LGBTQ Weekly Film Viewing  
7-10 p.m. @ ELC Forum (272)

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Poetry & Fiction Reading:

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Griot Reading Group: Visionaries as Griots  
12-1 p.m. & 1-2 p.m.  
Email griot@bucknell.edu for the reading material and links.

Thursday, Nov. 12

BIPP Policy Forum: Post-Election Discussion  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Professor of Political Science Chris Ellis and Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Eleanor Schiff will discuss the results of the 2020 presidential election and also other important down-ballot races.

## TURKEY & TRIMMINGS

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donations may not be quite as beautiful as in years past, but we'll make sure they are safe," Nelson said.

Baskets are to be dropped off at ELC 241 on Monday, Nov. 16 or Tuesday, Nov. 17. Students must make an appointment to drop off baskets; a form will be sent out to those who sign up to participate and donate. Monetary support and gift cards are welcome separately and can be dropped off at the Office of Civic Engagement (119 Bertrand Library) until Nov. 18.

Furthermore, all participants are required to fill out

a brief form to confirm their participation and acknowledge that COVID-19 precautions will be taken. The sign-up form and full details on the program can be found at [tinyurl.com/BucknellTurkey2020](http://tinyurl.com/BucknellTurkey2020).

"It's really heartwarming to see baskets come in from all over campus- from departments and offices to student groups and staff members... it's a way we can use our abundance and help those in need of support during these tough times," Nelson said.

Contact Carl Nelson ([cjn009@bucknell.edu](mailto:cjn009@bucknell.edu)) or Lynn Pierson ([lcp008@bucknell.edu](mailto:lcp008@bucknell.edu)) for more information.

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# Biden the Bingo prodigy

Bridgette Simpson  
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Election Day 2020 did not go as planned. The country is in a state of unrest, turmoil and fear. Nobody knows what will happen or when we will know who the next president will be.

One person in the entire country is sleeping well tonight, and it's former Vice President of the United States Joseph R. Biden. The former vice president was recently seen checking into an assisted living facility, accompanied by his wife, Jill, and his son Hunter, who has been repeatedly slammed for drug problems as well as allegations of suspicious activity in China and Ukraine.

Biden apparently has not been handling the stress of the election very well, and although some might say he is unfit to be the next President of the United States, others would argue that he is a really, really good Bingo

player and that he enjoys long walks around his room and likes to spend time with his family.

Time and time again, Biden's old age has caused many to question whether he is the best fit for president (let me remind you, Biden is 77 years old, and U.S. President Donald Trump is 74 years old, and the United States life expectancy in 2020 is almost 79 years old). But the people of America's suspicions and uncertainties were confirmed when Biden checked into the assisted living facility.

An inside source has confirmed that yes, Biden is a fantastic, really outstanding bingo player, one of the best they've ever seen. It's also worth mentioning that Biden apparently has never been late for a single meal, a record in the facility he now calls home. Biden's lightning speed apparently helps him out with this a lot, so even if he is busy with election stuff, he can run over and eat in between conferences and speeches.

One of the more pressing questions we have yet to know the answer to is this: if Biden does pull through and win the presidential election, where will he live? Will they turn the White House into an assisted living facility, or will he just perform his duties as President of the United States from the comfort of his room? I'm curious to see how that will work.

Since I have spent so much of this article making fun of how old Biden is, let's remember that one time he played "Despacito" at a Hispanic Heritage Month event. That was really hip and cool of him to do. I think that's why all the young people voted for him. That must be it.

The new criteria for determining if a presidential candidate is too old should be that they need to make a meme that is relevant to current and trending pop culture that actually makes sense. But I feel like Trump would go straight for WAP and I'm just not sure if I'm ready to see that.

# A scientific fact: Lawn signs must be controversial

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

This election year, perhaps more than any other, there seemed to be an excessive amount of lawn signs placed outside of people's homes. Sometimes there was one small sign in the front yard, demonstrating support. Sometimes there were 30 small signs in the front yard, as well as flags and banners on the houses and their cars, which just looks more like an obsession.

There exists a wide variety of signs you could've seen: "Drain the Swamp," "Settle for Biden-Harris," "Women for Trump," "Christians for Biden," "Any Functioning Adult 2020," "Bye Don 2020" or, my personal favorite, "All Hail Megatron Global Domination." If this doesn't describe the political climate leading up to Election Day, I'm not sure what does.

You've also seen the sign wars. There are the same few houses you pass every day on your commute to work or school or wherever you go, and the first time you pass by, someone's got a "Women for Trump" sign outside. That doesn't even make sense, so you don't think much of it.

But then the next time you go to work, you see their neighbor is sporting a "Settle for Biden-Harris" sign out front. "Yeah, they're definitely settling," you think, and continue on with your day. By the time you pass those houses for the fifth or sixth time, there's a full-on sign war, with Trump flags everywhere on the first house and their neighbors sporting their pride and BLM flags.

So, through evidence and cold hard facts, my deductions indicate that lawn signs must always be controversial. I have never seen a lawn sign

that was not controversial (this includes ones with a religious agenda; why do you care if there's dust on my Bible? Pretty sure the Codex Vaticanus has dust on it, too) and that is a scientific fact.

Let's do better. Let's be better. Let us find the strength within us to not engage in silly "sign wars" with our neighbors, but rather remember you can't legislate morals. Or idiots.

Let's normalize using lawn signs for something that truly needs to be said. Let's normalize sharing our beliefs with everyone so that everyone can know exactly what I want come Nov. 3, and every day after.

I got to work, and as I stuck my lawn sign in the cold, hard dirt and frosty grass, I smiled. Now I can share my agenda with everyone.

"Helen Keller Was A Fraud," it reads. I step back and admire my work.

## OPINIONS

# Ariana making 'grande' moves

Caroline Hendrix  
Senior Writer

Ariana Grande has just released her sixth album, "Positions." To say that it has been received well is an understatement; her new album's fresh sound and style is a clean break from pop. The first song released from Positions debuted at Number 1 on Billboard's Top 100, and if the success of her past albums is an indicator of the prosperity of this one, I do not see this new album leaving the top spot any time soon. Five other songs of Grande's have also debuted at No. 1 according to Billboard, with "7 Rings" staying at that spot for the longest amount of time of eight weeks.

The song that I cannot seem to get out of my head as of now is "off the table," featuring The Weeknd, for two major reasons. The first reason is that I have been anticipating a collaboration between these two artists since their first song together, "Love Me Harder" in

2014. Their soft and slow styles complement each other in "off the table." Grande sings about whether or not she will be able to find love again, while The Weeknd sings from the perspective of a man who is willing to wait until she is ready to date again. We can assume The Weeknd is standing in for Grande's boyfriend, Dalton Gomez.

But, why is she singing about having trouble loving again? This leads me to my next major reason for loving this track — it deals with Grande's real struggles with finding new relationships after the accidental overdose of her ex-boyfriend, Mac Miller. Many fans know about the toll Miller's death had on Grande as she faced a lot of criticism from those who blamed her for his death. In reality, they were not even together at that time; she was engaged to comedian Pete Davidson at the time of Miller's death. There is something that makes a song all the more special when listeners know about the ways the song reflects the artist's actual life

experiences. And Grande never leaves fans empty-handed with the rest of the songs on the album about her thriving relationship with Gomez.

Most of us know Grande from her infamous role in Nickelodeon's television series, "Victorious" as Cat Valentine. And when she first began her singing career, it was much more difficult for her to separate her sound from her television character than it was for others in a similar position, such as Miley Cyrus or Selena Gomez. But it is safe to say that Grande has come a long way since her first single "Put Your Hearts Up" in 2011. According to Elite Daily, Grande admitted in an interview that her debut single was more Cat's single than her own. But six albums, three Os-cars, a Grammy and countless other awards later, Grande has successfully marked her path in the music industry. With her classic whistling and runs that pay homage to her past albums mixed with a fresher and slower take on R&B, I certainly want to hear more.

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

# A message from the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy

John Doces & Chris Ellis  
BIPP Co-Directors

As incoming co-directors of the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy, we would like to extend a welcome to all Bucknellians. We are both very excited to be co-directors of BIPP and want to let you know a little bit about what BIPP does and what we have planned in the near future. BIPP supports social science research and provides a space for policy discussion, student-faculty research and an academic home for students who wish to study public policy. We have an exciting series of programming including policy-related panels on topics ranging from the U.S. election to immigration to global warming.

Beyond our policy pro-

gramming, we have also initiated a series of career conversations focusing on developing an understanding of policy-related work in the private sector including what this work involves and how one can pursue this career path. Recently, we had our first event with Jillian Irvin, a public policy analyst at Amazon, and will have future talks from professionals working in technology, lobbying, and real estate development. In addition, we are initiating a series of podcasts on a variety of policy-related matters so stay tuned for these.

An important part of our work is our nationally representative survey in which we sample attitudes of Americans on a variety of issues. Normally, the survey is done twice a year and students and

faculty are welcome to submit questions. The survey is an excellent way to conduct or supplement research for both students and faculty. Are you interested in learning about how you can contribute to the public arena as a global citizen once you leave Bucknell regardless of your major or future plans? If so, we encourage you to consider the Public Policy minor which will expose you to policy in many areas, including the economy, domestic and international politics, education, health, the environment, civil society and more.

In closing, we would like to note that BIPP is committed to pursuing open-minded inquiry on public policy and we welcome all points of view.

# Reasons to delete social media

Nick DeMarchis  
Senior Writer

New documentaries like "The Social Dilemma" on Netflix have served to reiterate an open secret, not only among the Silicon Valley elite but also among the general public — that social media is as intoxicating as it is draining and harmful. Many, after watching the documentary and others of its category, followed this common train of thought: "Oh wow, I didn't even realize that. I should use my phone less," before promptly proceeding to consume more of that same content. Pick your poison: TikTok, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat and others have those key elements of algorithmic recommendations to draw and retain the most hours of human attention possible.

This new problem has proved so pervasive that, in the wake of the documentary's release, the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce called

prominent tech CEOs to testify about their algorithms. While the hearing inevitably devolved into partisan talking points about the election and alleged "anti-conservative bias," there was some substantive discussion of the issues, including a U.S. code that protects companies from liability of user content on their platform. Considering the rampant problem of lawmakers' understanding of the way technology works (re: Google CEO Sundar Pichai's 2018 testimony), their effectiveness to make substantive changes still presents a real problem. Relying on these companies to decrease political polarization and rampant misinformation themselves is naive at best, because, as Senator Amy Klobuchar quipped, "The way I look at it — more divisiveness, more time on the platform, the company makes more money."

The worst part about big tech's accountability against misinformation and addiction is that any viable solution — not just a

good solution, but any solution — is not immediately apparent. Should the government hold companies fully accountable for what their users post? Give them unlimited leeway? Put labels on any and all misinformation? All of these present grave issues — especially that last one, because as lecturer Tom Scott remarked, "There is no algorithm for truth."

After having become increasingly disillusioned with election coverage, I decided to take a pause from the news and social media. From the end of the last presidential debate until the day after the election, I self-isolated from the deluge of algorithmically-recommended content that my phone and laptop serve to me. By no means was this permanent, and I had also already voted by that point. I just wanted to see whether that 12-day break would have some effect on my mental state.

A few days in, I realized just how much I rely on these algorithms for quick hits of dopa-

mine. The most alarming thing was, repeatedly, while working on homework and I hit a moment of confusion or frustration, I would immediately reach for my phone or start typing in the URL of my preferred news site. Even in the last few days of my "experiment," that oddly-scary impulse was still ingrained in my brain.

I am sure I'm not the only one with that same inclination, as the roots for all sorts of these algorithmic recommendations are buried deep. Quitting TikTok, for instance, proved a challenge after numerous attempts, especially considering I was previously employed to create TikTok videos. And that was just one network: I am still more than plugged into the news, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. The fear of missing out and disconnectedness that quitting social media platforms presents, compounded with their purely addicting nature, makes

it so difficult to quit.

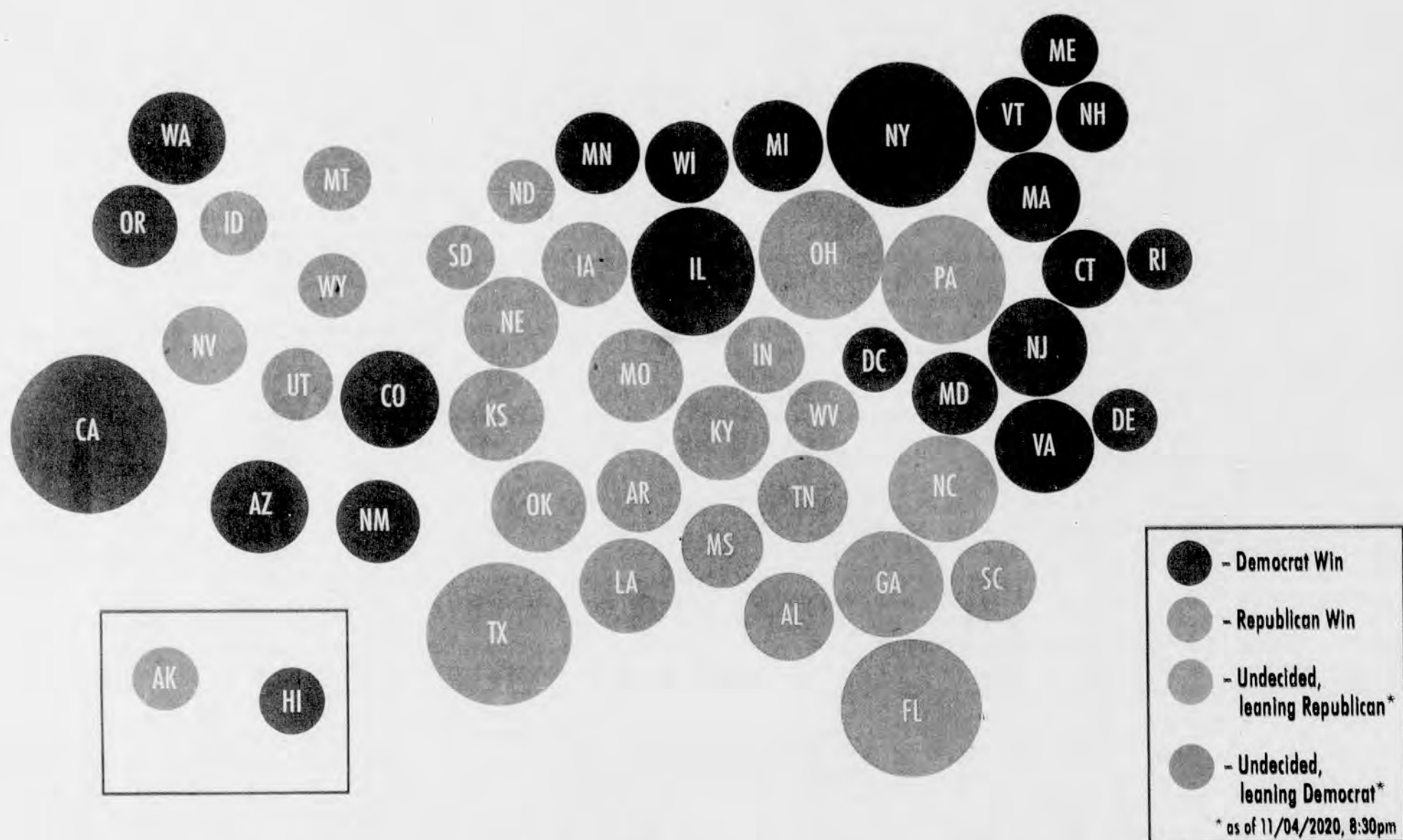
But, as said previously, addiction and misinformation are open secrets to everyone involved with these platforms, developers and users alike. And while I laud the incredible research and message of "The Social Dilemma," I fear that it may fall on deaf ears. I'm reminded of an episode of the series Black Mirror, "Fifteen Million Merits," in which a young man pulls an elaborate stunt to expose the inner workings of his dystopian society on live television. However, instead of viewers being inspired to join in against the society's unnamed handlers, his message is — you guessed it — packaged in a general-viewing television show. My fear is that the subject and medium of "The Social Dilemma" render action effectively impossible on a large scale. The documentary was genuinely impactful, well-written and researched, expertly pro-

duced, but almost inevitably (and incredibly unfortunately) unable to inspire action.

Algorithms that can permanently change everything from our neural connections all the way to our societal ones seem almost too big and scary to control. Nevertheless, we must, in some meaningful way, control them. We need to dedicate people in our government to ensuring that algorithms and AI work in our interests, not against them. We need to ensure that those who represent us know what they're talking about when it comes to big tech. We, individually, need to try and find some route to monitor the technology we use without devolving into reclusiveness. And finally, we have to make sure that our nation's brightest minds aren't solely utilized for maximizing user engagement on social media feeds, but instead are dedicated to creating platforms that encourage healthy cooperation between us humans and our technology.



# ★ 2020 ELECTION RESULTS ★



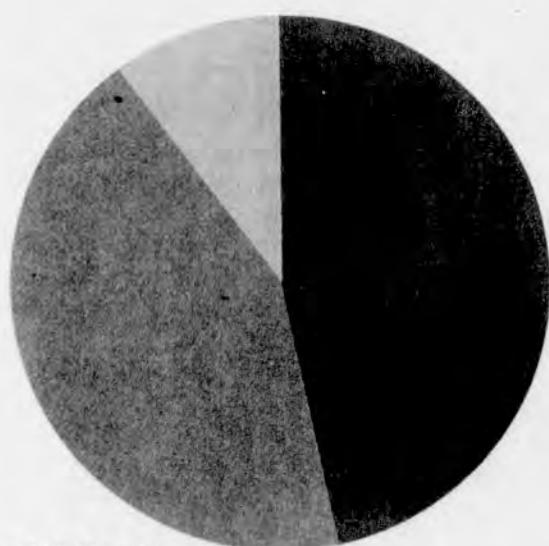
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## HOUSE RESULTS

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Source: Associated Press on 11/4 at 7:26pm

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## COVID OUTBREAK CAPS TURBULENT FIRST WEEK OF SPRING SEMESTER



Maseland Quadrangle after winter snow storm  
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ANOTHER PANDEMIC SEMESTER

Juliana Collins  
Contributing Writer

The University campus was able to successfully remain open during the Fall 2020 semester with mandatory COVID-19 testing every two weeks, as well as the isolation of individuals in an off-campus hotel who either tested positive for COVID-19 or had been contact traced. The University is continuing to monitor the active cases on campus while also remaining informed on the global spread of the virus beyond campus.

In addition to the weekly COVID-19 testing, the University has distributed a list of student expectations, a spring semester 'Guide to Campus Life' and a spring student guide to isolation, quarantining and contact tracing in order to effectively remind all students what is being required of them while living on campus.

The University website contains a COVID-19 dashboard, which is updated daily and shows newly reported COVID-19 positive tests among students, faculty and staff in the community. As of Feb. 10, there have been 49 on-campus positives among the student body and 27 among faculty and staff since returning to campus this semester. This is significantly more student cases compared to the number of cases during the first week of last semester. To contain the spread of the virus, classes have to transitioned to remote for a week beginning on Feb. 5. Bertrand Library and the Kenneth Langone Athletics & Recreation Center (KLARC) remain open, but sports practices are on hold for the week.

University President John Bravman recently wrote an email to all students in response to the new COVID-19 cases on campus. "In the face of this virus, we must try our best to control what is in our power to control. That's the best we can do, and that's all I'm asking," Bravman wrote.

Bravman urged the entire student body to work together and comply with all the new guidelines and protocols in order to contain the spread of the virus. "We are all in this together, and we must all do our part to keep our campus safe and healthy," Bravman wrote. "We will continue to work closely with public health officials and the University's COVID-19 response team to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff."

## Reflecting and celebrating the University's 175 years

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News Co-Editor

Feb. 5 marked the 175th anniversary of the University's founding in 1846, sparking a number of celebratory acknowledgments and reflections. University President John Bravman emailed all students announcing the start of a year-long commemoration of the school's founding. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the University was unable to host any in-person celebration or gatherings on the anniversary date.

"Over many generations, Bucknellians have persevered through difficult times — including the current pandemic — to ensure our ability to fulfill our mission of delivering an exceptional education to current and future students. We are a university that constantly adjusts to new challenges and prepares for the future, even as we honor our past. I encourage each of you to pause for a moment to consider your part in this extraordinary continuum," Bravman detailed in his email.

The history of the University is certainly one to be celebrated, especially as Bucknellians come together during such grueling times.

Over the years, the University has seen significant growth and development. Since its founding, it has operated under 17 Presidents and eight acting presidents. The University now offers more than 50 majors and 65 minors across its three colleges, altogether populated by more than 3,600 undergraduate students and 60 graduate students, as well as over 350 full-time tenure line faculty.

The school was originally established as the University at Lewisburg. Stephen W. Taylor wrote the charter for the institution, recommending that \$100,000 be raised for an endowment, that money was raised after three years.

## FOR BRADY VS. MAHOMES

SEE B2



GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANNONE

## Dining is back (sort of)!

Ally Lima  
Contributing Writer

As the spring semester comes into full swing, it is clear that the University administration has worked hard to implement a dining system that looks much different than the fall. While maintaining COVID-19 guidelines and safety precautions, the students are now presented with food options that look more similar to a "normal" year.

The first-year meal plan, for instance, has been upgraded to include unlimited swipes as well as two guest passes and 200 dining dollars. For upperclassmen, the 700 dining dollar option has been reinstated, as well as the option for an augmented meal plan including 300 Plus dollars. As for locations and food options, there are many to choose from.

**Seventh Street Cafe**  
The Seventh Street Cafe continues to offer a great selection of hot and iced coffee as well as grab-and-go items such as yogurt, pastries and other snacks.

**Bertrand Library Cafe**  
The Bertrand Library Cafe remains open and serves their specialty Starbucks blend coffee along with bottled water, juice and Tazo teas. Similar to Seventh Street Cafe, the library serves grab-and-go snacks for students to get a quick bite amidst their studying. The sushi is a fan favorite!

**Bison Cafe**  
Arguably the most exciting dining change from the fall semester is the return of a normal-looking Bison Cafe (with limited capacity), which includes a wide variety of food stations to choose from. The stations include the Grill, which offers items such as hamburgers, grilled cheeses and specialty sandwiches, the Deli, which has made-to-order sandwiches and wraps, Fresh Mexican, with customizable quesadillas, burritos and burrito bowls, Bada Basil for made-to-order pasta, and Bison Fresh, where students can order stir fry, grain bowls and smoothies.

**Bostwick Marketplace**  
Most popular for first-year students who can swipe into this location, the Bostwick Marketplace has also returned to a level of normalcy. Bostwick is open this semester with its usual all-you-can-eat style, including stations such as the egg bar, the entrée station, the grill with items such as hamburgers, grilled cheese, and specialty sandwiches.

**The Commons Cafe**  
This semester, the Commons Cafe has implemented a new and exciting way to order food quickly and with limited interaction. Through the new GET App, students are able to order for pickup from Hello Bistro Express, which offers customizable salads, and Firehouse Grill, which offers burgers and chicken sandwiches. The app is easy to use and even allows for students to schedule a pickup time for their food and pay through their BU ID that is connected to the app.

During such a dispiriting time, the return to "normal" looking dining options for the semester is one way for students to feel more at ease in their return to campus. By continuing to follow the COVID-19 restrictions and maintaining social distancing in these dining locations, we can continue to see an efficient and successful semester in the food department.



## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Jax White  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

As of Feb. 10, the Chinese Tianwen-1 has officially entered Mars's orbit with the goal of collecting underground water to potentially uncover clues towards historic life on the red planet. The rover will explore the surface of the planet for about 90 days.

After Myanmar's military coup, massive protests have broken out throughout the country demanding a return to democratic rule. In response, the police have cracked down on demonstrators using water cannons and teargas to disperse crowds.

## DOMESTIC

The second impeachment trial for former U.S. President Donald Trump began on Tuesday, Feb. 9, officially charging him with "incitement of insurrection" in regards to the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol Building. This trial makes former Trump the first president in history to be impeached twice.

Super Bowl LV finished on Sunday, Feb. 7 with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeating the Kansas City Chiefs in a 31-9 blowout. With this victory, Tom Brady earned his seventh Super Bowl Ring.

## New faculty spotlight

Ellie Lowe  
Staff Writer

The University has brought on a number of new faculty members for the Spring semester of 2021. Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry Heather Li and Assistant Professor of Data Science Samuel Gutekunst are two of the new members to the University family.

Li, originally from Wuhan, China, joined the Chemistry department as a visiting assistant professor. She obtained her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Texas A&M University and currently teaches Chemistry 205: The Principles of Chemistry and associated recitations and labs.

Li initially heard about the University through a posting on Higher Ed Jobs. She chose to come to the University because of the intimate environment. "Bucknell is a liberal arts

college where faculty members have chances to get to know each student personally," Li said.

Li joined the faculty in August 2020, before the University's second semester of pandemic learning. Li is most looking forward to teaching in person to connect further with the students. Even though she hasn't had the opportunity to teach in person much this semester or last semester, she can already see that the people of the University are a special group of bright students and faculty. "Each student has their unique sparkling character. Some are smart, some are perseverant, and some have a mature personality. I feel very honored to communicate with these brilliant young people. Also, colleagues are so supportive of each other," Li said.

Although Li is not currently engaged in ongoing research at the University, she has previously done research

in Metal Organic Frameworks at her alma mater Texas A&M University.

Gutekunst has joined the computer science and mathematics departments as a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Assistant Professor of Data Science. He received his Ph.D. in Operations Research from Cornell University and is currently teaching Math 240: Combinatorics & Graph Theory and Math 241: Discrete Structures.

His research is focused on data driven decision-making and creating/using algorithms to solve real world problems. In fact, his own algorithms have helped plan socially-distanced classrooms by identifying the maximum number of chairs that can be in a classroom six feet apart.

Gutekunst learned about the University more than a decade ago when he was searching for colleges to at-

tend as an undergraduate. While it might not have been the right fit then, Gutekunst has no doubt that he is in the right place now.

"If I were to daydream up a job, it would basically be the position I have at Bucknell. My background is in Operations Research and Data-Driven Decision Making, which sits at the intersection of math, CS, and analytics. Bucknell has incredible groups in each of those fields — and I get to work with all of them," Gutekunst said.

When asked if there was anything she wanted to say to students, Li said, "Thanks for all your trust and inspiration."

When asked the same question, Gutekunst said, "Inner tube water polo is the best intramural sport. It sounds (and is) ridiculous and it's almost impossible to avoid cluelessly flailing around, but it's so much fun."

## 175 YEARS

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On Feb. 5, 1846 the charter for the new University was signed by Pennsylvania's governor. The "school preparatory to the University" was opened in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Lewisburg in 1846. The Academy building, now known as the Stephen W. Taylor Hall, was the first building constructed on campus. The department moved into the building in 1850.

Howard Malcolm was the University's first president in 1851. The first graduating class, in 1851, graduated seven men. The University was renamed 35 years later after William Bucknell, a trustee who prevented the school from closing during a financial crisis.

The University now celebrates its diverse and inclusive campus that has developed over the years since its founding. The University's Female Institute began instruction in 1852, and in 1883 college courses were open

to women for the first time. In 1864 the school's first international student graduated and in 1875 the first African American student graduated.

Here, 175 years after its founding, the school is celebrated for its arts, sciences, business, engineering, athletics and humanities teaching. Thousands of students, faculty, staff and alumni continue to contribute to the University's history as it is written today.

Bucknellians can learn more about the history of the school through upcoming editions of the University Magazine and on the University website. Beginning on Feb. 9, the Bertrand Library will be hosting a series of exhibitions from the University archives. Future opportunities to learn about the history of the University as well as virtual events will continue to be announced throughout the year.

## COVID ON CAMPUS

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to have a successful experience on campus this spring semester. "I know that we have the ability as Bucknellians to do everything in our power

to get through this as a community. Many of you have expressed a strong need to be here. To make that happen, we need to do this. Together."

Extreme creativity:  
A University course  
unlike any otherKaya Schuster  
Contributing Writer

Did you ever imagine that curating your own multi-media mixtape could be a homework assignment? It could be. This spring, the University is offering an extraordinary interdisciplinary perspectives course devoted to tapping into your own imagination and mental dexterity: UNIV 200-03, otherwise known as "Extreme Creativity - Movements and Mixtapes."

The aforementioned course is being extended to sophomores by the University's Associate Professor of Music Barry Long and Associate Professor of Theatre & Dance Dustyn Martincich. The unique collaboration between these two professors was inspired by the late renowned author Toni Morrison, who founded an academic program in 1994 called the Princeton Atelier, which sponsors artists from various disciplines to collaborate on a new project over the course of a semester.

Each semester, students are given the opportunity to engage in a 15-week experience that pushes them to think like artists and challenge their perceptions of creativity. The course is a blend of all different elements, as can be observed by the unique materials list requiring everything from an active Spotify account to "clothes in which you can move."

"The class is not at all what I expected. It ranges from getting up and doing dancing and stretching-type activities to putting together a bunch of songs

that resonate with us and making our own mixtape," Courtney Wolin '23 said.

Despite the current climate of the pandemic, students agree that Barry and Martincich communicate in a way that is stimulating and exciting. "The professors are very engaging and care a lot about their students' creative process, making sure we're actively moving in class, which is a nice change from just sitting in front of the computer," Jackson O'Brien '23 said.

"On the first day of class, we were given a random number of someone in the class and had to text them to get to know them," Caroline Hendrix '23 said.

With a goal of exploring the creative process in a manner that exhibits interdisciplinary collaboration, students learn to take risks, build confidence and become part of an artistic community. Students have the opportunity to attend various arts and theatre events as well as listen to a number of the University's faculty guest speakers. Among these speakers are professionals specializing in photography, storytelling, film and media, visual art, women and gender studies and creative writing. Students are additionally expected to complete weekly multi-media mixtapes, along with various other creative projects and workshops during the semester.

"Extreme Creativity" represents just one of the University's varied curriculum offerings that challenges the norm and motivates students to operate out of their comfort zone.

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## "Journal Entry of an Anti-Masker"



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0800 hours: Time to wake up, and not a second after my alarm's first blare. Like Ex-Navy SEAL Jocko Willink says, "When the alarm goes off, you get up and you go get some!" Sure, his alarm goes off at 0430 hours, but I'm really not a morning person.

0830 hours: Thirty minutes to spare before the first Zoom of the day, so I go ahead and get after a mean pump (approximately 38 pushups). Of course, you can't forget to replenish after a workout, so I make myself a protein shake. Figured two heaping scoops would do it, 'cause everybody knows serving size suggestions are bull.

0900 hours: Here goes my professor on the same spiel every other Joe Shmoe on this campus feels obliged to give: "Oh, I really wish I could see you all in person, and boy I am getting sick and tired of these masks!" Yada yada vada, we've heard it all before. As I scroll the latest on the most reliable and legitimate news site InfoWars — my personal favorite — and I stop and think to myself, what's keeping me from not wearing a mask? That's it. Civil disobedience, baby. My professor's right, wearing a mask is annoying, and I'm just about tired of being annoyed! The rest of class flies by as I prepare to unfurl the sails of freedom.

1100 hours: I step outside my dorm room. Maskless, I triumphantly walk the hall and down to the study lounge where I notice a girl from another hall studying, mask on. All these COVID-hoax theories I just muck-raked are about to change someone's life. I coolly approach the girl, sitting down

across from her and fire away. "You know, you're just breathing in the same germs all day with that mask on." She looks up and replies, "What?" She had earbuds in. Some people just don't want to learn. I shrug it off and make my way over to my next class.

1120 hours: Finally, an in-person class, here we go. I proudly march up the Elaine Langone Center hill and through the quad, with Motley Crue's "Greatest Hits" blasting in my AirPods. As I pass by other students, some of them are giving me funny looks, staring in disbelief. They're completely astonished by my bravery. A smirk curls over my maskless face. So this is how our forefathers felt after dumping all that tea. I am a lion wading through a sea of sheep. Nothing could possibly stop me right now.

1130 hours: I get to class and my professor kindly asks me to put a mask on. I'm flabbergasted. The audacity. My mind buffers as I try to come up with a clever response. I fumble over my words, eventually spewing out a half-hearted, "I forgot it." Welp. The professor frowns and turns around to start the lesson. My god, I've got him. I remain the trailblazer of liberty. My introspective celebrations are interrupted by an all-too-helpful classmate a row behind me, saying, "Hey, I have an extra mask you can borrow." My expression becomes blank. The rest of the class, including the now irritated professor stares intently at the prospective transaction. I slowly turn around in my seat, taking the mask followed by a defeated "thanks." He nods cheerfully in response. I sigh into my mask fogging up my (blue-light) glasses and slump down in my chair. The revolution shall live on.

## A new way to contact trace

Elyssa Penson  
Staff Writer

I think that we're doing contact tracing wrong. Of course, we should tell the University about all the people we've been in contact with, however, we should also use contact tracing as a way to cancel the plans of the people who we don't like. Contact tracing is an all-access pass to wrecking someone's next two weeks. It would be stupid to throw away that kind of opportunity. It's like a COVID proverb, "If you're going to have to quarantine, keep your friends close and your enemies' friends far away."

Contact tracing is like

a COVID LinkedIn: your network should be extensive and filled with people you've stopped talking to. There is nothing more satisfying than reaching out to someone you don't like and saying, "Hey, I just mobile-ordered some quarantine for you. Isn't it great we have so many mutual connections?"

The best part of this system is that it will encourage people to be nicer to one another, out of fear of being tossed into a creepy hotel for two weeks. Worst case scenario, everyone turns on each other and it turns into a big slumber party at the COVID hotel. Either way proves that we're not using contact tracing to its full potential.

## Super Bowl Sunday, Or Lack Thereof

Sarah Petnuch  
Contributing Writer

It's Super Bowl Sunday, or in the frat boy mind a national holiday.

Drinking, football, the boys — it's every young man's heaven. But this year? Not the case. The bars were closed, the group events were restricted, and not even the halftime show was being performed by a hot female artist to obsess over. It was truly devastating.

Chapter social committees made attempts to come up with a plan for the big day, but with no success. The group chat was silent. The brothers were at a loss for words. Were they expected to just sit around twiddling their thumbs during the most hyped football game of the entire year?

The whole thing was a disappointment to frat boys across the nation, leaving

them with no choice but to be creative and make do with the resources at hand. Improvise, adapt, overcome. Yes, some people may have developed food poisoning from the buffalo chicken dip made in the rickety old dorm-room microwave, and yes, there was a little lag since the game was being watched on a tiny TV hooked up to the engineer friend's laptop, but these were the sacrifices they needed to make for the sake of the game, people.

Of course, nothing will top the year that the brothers tried to see who could take the most shots during the halftime performance (resulting in a few people spending the night in the hospital), or when Brad gave Chad a concussion, or when Timmy broke a window at Jimmy's house, but at the end of the day, as long as quality time was spent with the boys, that's all that really matters.

## HEARTWARMING! Local Professor gives rousing speech amidst COVID Chaos

Maximus Bean  
Contributing Writer

A local medical science professor made a heartfelt speech in his class today about the hardships of COVID-19. Despite having his class on Zoom with a limited student attendance of 17, this brave individual recorded 65 minutes of the remainder of his 40-minute class talking about the harsh realities of this awful pandemic.

"It's going to be okay," Professor Peters assured students in a rousing speech. "We are all in this together. Although this pandemic may have separated us, it will not stop us from getting the work we need to get done, done." After these brave and sincere words and the unbridled applause which followed, his students signed off to complete their 120-page reading and take-home dissection. When the Bucknellian asked him about this "ludicrous" assignment, he answered that "if they spend their time working, then they'll have less time to go out and get sick." Such services are especially vital after various COVID-19 spikes forced the University to shut down local sports, recreational facilities, dining centers and student organizations.

"Now that we're safely quarantined in our rooms," one student exclaimed, "COVID won't slip mean notes under my door anymore." Carrie Oversteele tested negative for her latest test, but it didn't stop her from triple-masking anyways, just in case.

In other halls, students are crowding together in socially-distanced environments to make sure the disease goes to as few places as possible. One student described the predicament as such — "if we all stay together, the disease can't catch us, because, like, we're all in a room, and COVID hits you

whenever you're out in the hall, or outside, or even in the ELC, especially if you aren't wearing a mask. Since we're in Jerry's room, we're cool. You don't gotta wear a mask in your room, right?" At time of writing, around six people occupied the room, each performing their take-home dissection, and armed with a bottle of hand sanitizer and their last plastic fork. A seventh student remained posted outside the room, prevented from entering due to his "worrying" chicken pox.

It's safe to say that even under the pressure of keeping the University running against a disease that could kill you instantly for daring to doubt its power, students and faculty are still doing fairly well for themselves. It is inspiring to see so many people come together (on Zoom — it's dangerous to actually come together) in support of one another (not physical support, which could get you infected) and try to hold down the fort (metaphorically, actually trying to hold a fort would mean potentially exposing yourself to COVID-19) until this deadly virus passes by. (But how will we know if it really has passed us by? What if it's just messing with our minds? It could be hiding in a church, or a Walmart or even your favorite book! Don't bother with any of those things. Just wait a few years.)

In retrospect, that professor's stunning speech brought to light something that we all could learn from. We really are in this together. We may not be in this together when it comes to actually being together or seeing each other's face not just a bunch of pixels, or how we choose to go about immunizing ourselves, because there is no such thing so far, but trust me, we all are in this together, for better or worse.

## BREAKING NEWS: Aunt Calls For Biden, Harris Resignation

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This week, U.S. President Joe Biden has fallen under extreme public scrutiny after your racist aunt demanded his, along with U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris's, resignations.

Demands started surfacing less than a month after Biden's inauguration, raising concerns about Biden's ability to accomplish his promised sweeping agenda in the face of such entrenched opposition. Your aunt's primary talking point has been Biden's purposeful destruction of the country, she explains that agenda is promoted by his radical, far-left policies, some of which include strenuously maintaining the integrity of the oil industry, and the notoriously leftist tactic of means-testing an already-misleading stimulus amount to appeal to Republicans. Big government and Antifa are always up to something.

The movement began picking up momentum when other Facebook users began jumping on Aunt Carol's band wagon. Disbarred attorney Rodolfo Juliano has been identified as a top supporter of these particular Facebook posts. In one popular comment, Juliano stated that "Biden is nothing compared to King Donald Trump. Sleepy Joe is the dirt Donald walks on. We must do nothing until Biden is removed and replaced by our

Almighty savior." Juliano has denied any connection to the Trump administration, citing the unimpeachably non-partisan nature of the law.

The movement does appear to have some internal tensions; there is interecine conflict, for instance, regarding the overarching narrative presented to Aunt Carol's 79 Facebook friends. Critics have essentially resolved into two camps: the first represents those who believe Joe Biden is a bumbling idiot with zero governing acumen or capacity, while the second insist that he is a malicious traitor who has single-handedly orchestrated a fraud unparalleled in American history. An inside source, who asked to remain anonymous so as not to be caught cooperating with the mainstream media, tells the Bucknellian that these contradictions are likely to completely sever ties between the two camps in the coming weeks.

White House officials have refused comment on the skirmish, but appear by all accounts to be hunkering down in preparation for the long messaging battle against Aunt Carol's far-reaching political influence.

For more information, check out your aunt's Facebook page, where calls for resignation can be found amidst the spattering of offensive text posts and Garfield-centric image macros put out every seven minutes.

## WOW: Someone in your poli-sci class is playing the devil's advocate again

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LEWISBURG — Following a discussion of refugee rights in the European Union, engineering student Will Talkovera '23 decided to, per his own admission, "play devil's advocate for a second here, just to be fair." To the great astonishment and celebration of all, the high-school graduate from suburban Arizona decided to bring his vast expertise to the 100-level American Politics class table, helpfully moderating class participation on behalf of the professor. Exclaiming the sources provided were "inadequate, and don't go far enough," the 18-year-old stunned onlookers by arguing the opposing side while simultaneously discounting the points made by other students as "disingenuous," "in bad faith," "too black and white" and "missing the point entirely."

Starting every sentence with qualifying phrases such as "I'm not saying this is what I believe" — "People have been saying" — and "To be fair" — onlookers say Mr. Talkovera was nothing if not enthusiastic about his role in the conversation. "As class went on, it became increasingly clear that he came in with an agenda and was getting his information solely from fringe accounts on his Twitter feed," said

a source within the department. He is alleged to have interrupted the professor as she made the claim "all humans are entitled to basic necessities, including food," and on numerous occasions told fellow students to "keep their emotions out of it" and really consider the "fiscal repercussions" of the matter.

His professor, Dr. Jade Ed, an accomplished political scientist whose graduate school dissertation explicitly covered the matters discussed during class, stated that she was "enthused by the vigorous discussion in class today and almost preferred it to the peaceful silence that Zoom had afforded her in the past semester." Taking an Advil and Extra Strength Tylenol mid-sentence, she added that her office hours had just in fact ended, and Talkovera has been making full use of them ever since U.S. President Joe Biden's victory this past fall.

When approached for a comment, Talkovera already had one prepared, stating that he felt dissent was oftentimes muzzled in a university setting and that he was just trying to "broaden people's horizons" and "fight against the world's 'safe-space' mentality" by being factually incorrect. At the time, the Bucknellian was unable to obtain information on what courses he planned to edit next semester.



# ***Masked-Up to Touchdown***

***The game***

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## BISON MEN'S WATER POLO LOOK TO PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

Jared Stanley '21 looks for an open shot. Photo from Fall 2020 season. PHOTO BY RILEY DEBAECKE, PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MEN'S WATER POLO**  
@ NAVY ON FEB 13 AT 2PM  
@ GEORGE WASHINGTON  
ON FEB 13 AT 7PM  
**WRESTLING**  
@ LEHIGH ON FEB 14 AT 2PM

Anna Carroll  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's water polo team is looking to make a splash at their first competition since their last appearance in the 2019 NCAA quarterfinals, where they ultimately lost to the University of Southern California. After getting their 2020 fall season cancelled, the team will get a second chance to play this spring semester against select teams in their conference. They are set to kick off this weekend on the road against Navy and George Washington University. On Saturday,

Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. the Bison will face the Midshipmen and at 7 p.m. they will face the Colonials.

The Orange and Blue were selected as the favorite in the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference by the CWPA after coming off one of their most successful seasons in program history. They are currently tied for ninth with Loyola Marymount in the winter 2021 Men's Varsity Top 20 preseason roll. The team finished 10th in the final poll last season with a 23-9 record. The Bison will be the only team not from the state of California to be included in the top 10.

Although the Orange and Blue have lost some strong seniors in the class of 2020, including Rade Joksimovic, Logan Schofield and Cooper Dolan, the Bison have some strong players returning to their lineup.

Senior and team captain Jared Stanley is among those returning and has been a big contributor for the Bison during the past three years. Stanley started in all 32 games in the 2019 season, scoring 44 goals, adding 16 assists and contributing 19 steals. In addition to Stanley, goalie Adrien Touzot '23 will also be returning for the Bison. Touzot helped the team

tremendously in the cage last season with 250 saves and a .569 save percentage. He's looking to make even more game-changing saves in his second season.

Attacker Andu Vlasceanu '24 will also be returning for the Orange and the Blue after making quite an impact during his freshman season. Vlasceanu was named MAWPC Rookie of the Year after scoring 68 goals, adding 38 assists, and was named Rookie of the Week three times throughout the 2019 season. He appeared in all 32 games and was named to the MAWPC Second team.

"We are excited to have a second chance at our season. We've been working hard in our preseason these past few weeks hoping to come out strong this weekend in our first couple of games. Navy and George Washington are two great teams and hopefully we can get two road wins to start off the season," Stanley said.

The water polo team will be one of the first of the fall sports getting their chance to compete in the spring semester season, and they will look to come back to campus undefeated after two road wins against Navy and George Washington University this weekend.

## Cross country looks to hit the ground running

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A lot is to be expected from the Bison Men's and Women's Cross Country teams this upcoming 2021 season. Like all other fall sports, cross country was postponed during the fall due to COVID-19 precautions. Both teams are preparing to compete this spring.

The last time they were able to compete in 2019, the women were able to place second in the Patriot League, while the men came in fifth. Both are looking to build on those performances in what could be a very successful year for the Bison.

The Bison women's cross country team was able to bring back three first team all conference runners with Olivia Dyer '22, Ashley Blair '21, and Ashlyn Ramos '22, each are expected to have even and better season than last. Additionally, Nora Bennett '22 will

also be a huge contributor after finishing second team all conference in 2019.

Despite new restrictions due to COVID, both the men's and women's teams have been working hard to train for the upcoming season. We have all been running in small groups of people that we either live with or match with talent-wise, so even though we can't all practice together we are still motivating one another," said Ramos. "We also keep an online training log so that everyone can comment on workouts and runs and stay in the loop about where the team is at."

While there are fewer meets this upcoming season, the Bison are in a good position to perform well in the Patriot League Championship taking place on Mar. 5 at Lafayette College.

Prior to the Championship, the Orange and Blue are scheduled to run against Lehigh on Feb. 13 at home, as well as Lafayette on Feb. 20 in Easton, Pa.

## Volleyball back and ready for action

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The Bison volleyball team is excited to get the 2021 season underway. The team is coming off an overall record of 14-14 and conference record of 3-13 from the 2019 season. Taking all safety precautions into measure, the team has been back as a whole in Davis Gym for practices the past few weeks.

This 2021 season is quite different than any before due to COVID-19. "Our mentality is pretty similar to what it is like in every fall. We come into the gym every day and work hard during practice, the only difference is Davis gym isn't quite as hot as the summer preseason we are used to. We are focused on keeping the team and each other safe while also competing every day in practice in future matches," Anna Carroll '21 said.

As a senior, Carroll's final semester is filled with both excitement and nerves. "I am really excited to get the opportunity to compete again after losing our fall season and get to play with this team one last time before leaving Bucknell. It is really special to get to play with a group of

girls that are so determined, driven and focused every day," Carroll said.

As several key players graduated last spring, underclassman will be stepping up to fill the role for the Bison. Lisa Zoch '23 finished last season tied for fourth on the team with 192 kills. Kelsey O'Loughlin '23 had a fantastic freshman campaign, finishing with a team high 968 assists and was named Patriot League Rookie of the Week six times.

The Bison will also have a new coach this season, former Princeton assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Tyler Hagstrom. Hagstrom had immense success at Princeton posting a 73-27 record that includes three conference titles. He will look to bring that success to the Orange and Blue this season.

The team is taking on a tough schedule within conference play this season, aiming to win the Patriot League tournament as well as establishing some great momentum for a full schedule in the fall of 2021. The Bison's first challenge will come during their season opener in Baltimore, Md. on Feb. 26 versus the Loyola Greyhounds at 6 p.m.

## Men's and women's T&F season preview

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Bison athletics is buzzing this spring semester as every athletic team will actively compete on campus. One bright spot amongst the hectic atmosphere will be men's and women's track and field, as they plan on starting out even faster and stronger than they were last year when the season came to an unexpected end.

While the men's team is facing the loss of graduated award winners such as Stefan Moore-Greene '20 and Jeff Brown '20, Nicholas Marino '21 is coming off a great junior year and will most certainly be a shining star in the pole vault competition. Marino finished All-East in pole vault after finishing in fifth place at the IC4A Championships. Setting a personal best of 16-8.75 and finishing in second at the 2020 Patriot League Indoor Championships, Marino has no limit for the

2021 spring season.

Gianna Macones '22 is looking to perform at a high level during the spring 2021 season as well to build upon her four top ten career Patriot League Championship Finishes. Competing in hurdles, sprints, and jumps, there will be a handful of chances for Macones to find her way on the pedestal. Macones highest Patriot League Championship finishes all stem from jumps including the long jump and triple jump.

"Despite the fact that we've run into some roadblocks along the way this past year, our team is staying as resilient as ever and we're ready to compete," Aidan Krombolz '21 said.

2021 is a new year as both Men's and Women's Track and Field plan on competing this spring in their first intersquad competition on Feb. 14 and their first Patriot League competition on Feb. 21 against Lehigh at home in the Gerhard Fieldhouse.



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The Nazareth native is no stranger to success, as she dominated Pennsylvania courts throughout her high school career. Brugler was the first player at Nazareth High School to score 1,000 points before the end of her junior year. Brugler loves that the University is so close to her hometown, and that her family is still able to support her during her collegiate basketball career.

After coming off the bench strong during her freshman and sophomore seasons, Brugler worked tirelessly and emerged as a consistent starter and contributor for the Bison in her junior and senior years.

As a junior, Brugler played in 28 of 30 games, and started 25 of those games for the Orange and Blue. She averaged 9.8 points per game, 5.9 rebounds, and posted three double-doubles. Brugler was also named Patriot League Player of the Week after back-to-back double-double performances.

As a senior, Tessa has

already posted five double-doubles. She is ranked second in the Patriot League in rebounding (9.9 rpg), and eighth in scoring (13.4 ppg). Brugler has started every game so far this season for the Orange and Blue, and continues to produce each time she steps foot on the court.

Brugler is not only a really important player for the Orange and Blue, but an outstanding leader as well. Brugler was named team captain this season for the second time. She is someone that younger players count on, and she is really happy about taking on this new position.

"Now it's like I've jumped into a leadership role where people look up to me, and it's very different," Brugler said. "I like it. The team relies on me, and I like the role that I have."

Teammate Marly Walls '22 spoke on Brugler's success, and how she has been such an impactful leader for the Bison this season.

"On-and-off the court, Tessa is such a hype-man. She feeds us so much energy in practice and games," Walls said. "She isn't only there for you in a basketball setting, she is there for you in all aspects of life. Her success this year is well-deserved, and a reflection of all of the hard work everyone has seen her put in."

Brugler is also really strong in the classroom for the Bison. She is an education major and a two-time member of Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

"I'm really proud of the way we have been playing this year. We are able to con-

nect not only on the court, but off the court as well and you can see that when we play," Brugler said. "We have great senior leadership and the underclassmen continue to push us everyday in practice. All 13 of us have been able to contribute to our success in one way or another and I'm super excited to see what our future has in store for us. Everything that I have accomplished couldn't have been done without my teammates so I have to credit them for it all."

The Bison are off to an 8-0 start for the first time in program history, and Brugler has been instrumental in this success. Despite the adversity that the Orange and Blue have faced this season, Brugler continues to deliver and is ready to compete when the Bison face their next Patriot League opponent.

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## America needs to heal — impeachment is how we do it

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For the first time since the War of 1812, when the British Army invaded Washington D.C., the Capitol was occupied. Thousands of Trump supporters stormed the federal building. It was a bloody event that resulted in countless injuries and five deaths. This week, the Senate trial will begin to adjudicate the second impeachment of former President Donald Trump, which will determine whether to convict him on the basis of his role in inciting the violence on Jan. 6 at our nation's capitol.

While the riots were largely condemned by members of the public — regardless of political affiliation — there is a clear divide on who deserves the blame. Some believe that the insurrectionists were independent and not representative of true Trump supporters. Others have gone to an even greater extreme through false flag conspiracies that brand the rioters as covert members of "Antifa," or Black Lives Matter protesters intent on smearing the good name of the former president.

Despite these aforementioned groups, a strong majority of Americans place the responsibility of the attacks squarely on Trump's shoulders, according to polls conducted by news outlets like NBC and NPR. The same cannot be said for Republicans, where a majority of the party places either little or no blame on the president.

That sentiment will likely feed into the events within the Senate. While Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives on the basis of "inciting an insurrection," the Senate requires a two-thirds majority in order to convict and prevent him from holding future public office. Only a handful of Republican senators have come forward expressing their intention to convict, far from the number of

votes necessary.

That may appear a just outcome to millions of Americans. Trump was not to blame in their eyes, or if he was, this was merely an isolated event not representative of his character or political career.

Yet, this was not an incident without premeditation, nor were the president's words at the "March for America" rally on Jan. 6 the only ones that could have been viewed as precipitating conflict. Despite the shock that came with witnessing the unfolding events at the Capitol, it was by no means surprising, given all that had come before.

In the months prior to the election, Trump had crafted a conspiracy and consistently lied about the fragility of the voting process, stating that mail-in ballots were easy to tamper with and even outright forge. In the days and weeks following Nov. 3, Trump expounded on the hacking of ballot machines and the incapacity of poll watchers to prevent such abuses. He leapt from one falsehood to the next with very little evidence to support any of it, nevertheless convincing many of his supporters that one of the greatest injustices in American democracy had just occurred.

Trump's words had a clear effect. Sites like Parler and Gab became havens for violent discussions about Jan. 6, where plans to storm the Capitol took their primordial form. Users formulated strategies on what to bring, how to enter the building and methods to avoid law enforcement. The day of the insurrection, Trump's speech was littered with incendiary statements. He argued, "When you catch somebody in a fraud, you are allowed to go by very different rules." He told his supporters, "We will never give up. We will never concede. It doesn't happen. You don't concede when there's theft involved."

Trump had even goaded

former Vice President Mike Pence into overruling the electoral vote certification, something Pence had no power to do. At the rally, he said that "if Mike Pence does the right thing, we win the election." When Pence refused, the president tweeted during the riots that "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution." The words "hang Mike Pence" were chanted by many who broke into the Capitol.

"If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore," Trump said. The difficulty in disproving a conspiracy is that every piece of true evidence only serves to strengthen falsehoods. A large group of Americans found it more plausible that from pollworkers to lawmakers to judges, every facet of this election had been infected by a scheming cabal designed to restrict liberties and overthrow democracy. They found all of that more likely than the possibility that their preferred candidate lost.

The future of American democracy hinges on our collective ability to acknowledge reality. That path is made all the more difficult by lawmakers in Congress who wish to simply overlook this event and allow Trump to walk away without consequence. Senators like Lindsey Graham want no more than for the American people to simply "heal and move on," arguing that impeachment proceedings will only do more harm than good.

Yet, it is impossible to heal when a disease is simply ignored. Even if Trump can be forgiven by some, he must be held accountable for his hand in the violence on Jan. 6. It is not enough to say that a lesson was learned, or that impeachment will simply cause further division. In accepting the former president's actions, lawmakers are openly inviting further violence to occur and damaging rhetoric to be validated.

## As seen on TV: the pandemic

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I remember listening to Luke Combs' "Six Feet Apart" for the first time a few days after it was released this past summer. I was in the car with my father and when the chorus began to blast on the radio, we both turned to each other. It was way too soon; I felt like we were in the eye of a storm that had no end in sight. It almost seemed inconsiderate to make a song in the midst of this tragic moment in history. While I understand my initial feelings about the release of pandemic-inspired art during the earlier days of the pandemic, I cannot ignore the almost contradictory thoughts that remind me of how art has, historically and presently, been used to capture major moments in history, good or bad. Combs' song represented the first time I really noticed a piece of history that I had lived through being the inspiration behind art.

I do not think that my response was what Luke Combs had in mind for his audience, nor did it seem like the inten-

tion of other artists, of all mediums, during this past year. We also see the reflections of our current global situation, for instance, in film and television. Screenplay writer Steven Knight used his fascination with the transition from pre-coronavirus into the pandemic when he was working on the unreleased film "Locked Down", which captures the lives of a couple struggling through the present pandemic. In an interview with the New York Times, Knight discussed how he felt writing about the pandemic while in the midst of it: "The great thing is people have a choice [to watch]. If it is painful, I completely understand that is the case for some people. But I'm hoping that doing something like this — it's the human reaction to adversity throughout history. You try to make sense of it somehow, or you look for a silver lining."

I think that Knight, as with any artist, can anticipate that a portion of their prospective audience will not be ready to accept what he has created, but I also believe that it is important to begin sharing stories from this period. This art will

act as a reverberation of the present, catalogued for a time when people are ready to revisit the pandemic and its effects. More than that, an artist should not have to limit themselves to please an audience. They should instead present this period of uncertainty with authenticity and honesty.

One of the purposes of art, as I have learned, is to evoke emotions in its audience. But, perhaps even more true is that art is used as a medium through which artists are able to express their perspectives of history as it happens. I appreciate this privilege of art in bringing us into moments of the past and the present through their lens or from a neutral lens, but I also understand where my initial reaction of listening to "Six Feet Apart" was rooted from. I had never experienced such an obvious reference to an experience that along with the artist, I had also been enduring. And since that initial reaction to Luke Combs' hopeful, social-distancing anthem, I have since found comfort in his and others' art that have shown me that I am not alone in navigating through unprecedented times.

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Bison women's basketball forward Tessa Brugler '21 was named Patriot League Women's Basketball Player of the Week, following the Orange and Blue's two big wins against Lehigh this past weekend. This is the second time that Brugler has been named player of the week this season, and the third time she has earned this recognition during her college career.

The Nazareth native is no stranger to success, as she dominated Pennsylvania courts throughout her high school career. Brugler was the first player at Nazareth High School to score 1,000 points before the end of her junior year. Brugler loves that the University is so close to her hometown, and that her family is still able to support her during her college basketball career.

After coming off the bench strong during her freshman and sophomore seasons, Brugler worked tirelessly and emerged as a consistent starter and contributor for the Bison in her junior and senior years.

As a junior, Brugler played in 28 of 30 games, and started 25 of those games for the Orange and Blue. She averaged 9.8 points per game, 5.9 rebounds, and posted three double-doubles. Brugler was also named Patriot League Player of the Week after back-to-back double-double performances.

As a senior, Tessa has

already posted five double-doubles. She is ranked second in the Patriot League in rebounding (9.9 rpg), and eighth in scoring (13.4 ppg). Brugler has started every game so far this season for the Orange and Blue, and continues to produce each time she steps foot on the court.

Brugler is not only a really important player for the Orange and Blue, but an outstanding leader as well. Brugler was named team captain this season for the second time. She is someone that younger players count on, and she is really happy about taking on this new position.

Now it's like I've jumped into a leadership role where people look up to me, and it's very different. Brugler said, "I like it. The team relies on me, and I like the role that I have."

Teammate Marly Walls '22 spoke on Brugler's success, and how she has been such an impactful leader for the Bison this season.

"On-and-off the court, Tessa is such a hype-man. She feeds us so much energy in practice and games."

Walls said, "She isn't only there for you in a basketball setting; she is there for you in all aspects of life. Her success this year is well-deserved, and a reflection of all of the hard work everyone has seen her put in."

Brugler is also really strong in the classroom for the Bison. She is an education major and a two-time member of Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

"I'm really proud of the way we have been playing this year. We are able to con-

nect not only on the court, but off the court as well, and you can see that when we play," Brugler said. "We have great senior leadership and the underclassmen continue to push us everyday in practice. All 13 of us have been able to contribute to our success in one way or another, and I'm super excited to see what our future has in store for us. Everything that I have accomplished couldn't have been done without my teammates, so I have to credit them for it all."

The Bison are off to an 8-0 start for the first time in program history, and Brugler has been instrumental in this success. Despite the adversity that the Orange and Blue have faced this season, Brugler continues to deliver and is ready to compete when the Bison face their next Patriot League opponent.

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## America needs to heal — impeachment is how we do it

Anthony Lopez  
Staff Writer

For the first time since the War of 1812, when the British Army invaded Washington D.C., the Capitol was occupied. Thousands of Trump supporters stormed the federal building. It was a bloody event that resulted in countless injuries and five deaths. This week, the Senate trial will begin to adjudicate the second impeachment of former President Donald Trump, which will determine whether to convict him on the basis of his role in inciting the violence on Jan. 6 at our nation's capitol.

While the riots were largely condemned by members of the public — regardless of political affiliation — there is a clear divide on who deserves the blame. Some believe that the insurrectionists were independent and not representative of true Trump supporters. Others have gone to an even greater extreme through false flag conspiracies that brand the rioters as covert members of Antifa, or Black Lives Matter protesters intent on smearing the good name of the former president.

Despite these aforementioned groups, a strong majority of Americans place the responsibility of the attacks squarely on Trump's shoulders, according to polls conducted by news outlets like NBC and NPR. The same cannot be said for Republicans, where a majority of the party places either little or no blame on the president.

That sentiment will likely feed into the events within the Senate. While Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives on the basis of "inciting an insurrection," the Senate requires a two-thirds majority in order to convict and prevent him from holding future public office. Only a handful of Republican senators have come forward expressing their intention to convict, far from the number of

votes necessary.

That may appear a just outcome to millions of Americans. Trump was not to blame in their eyes, or if he was, this was merely an isolated event not representative of his character or political career.

Yet this was not an incident without premeditation, nor were the president's words at the "March for America" rally on Jan. 6 the only ones that could have been viewed as precipitating conflict. Despite the shock that came with witnessing the unfolding events at the Capitol, it was by no means surprising given all that had come before.

In the months prior to the election, Trump had crafted a conspiracy and consistently lied about the fragility of the voting process, stating that mail-in ballots were easy to tamper with and even outright forge. In the days and weeks following Nov. 3, Trump expounded on the hacking of ballot machines and the incapacity of poll watchers to prevent such abuses. He leapt from one falsehood to the next with very little evidence to support any of it, nevertheless convincing many of his supporters that one of the greatest injustices in American democracy had just occurred.

Trump's words had a clear effect. Sites like Parler and Gab became havens for violent discussions about Jan. 6, where plans to storm the Capitol took their primordial form. Users formulated strategies on what to bring, how to enter the building, and methods to avoid law enforcement. The day of the insurrection, Trump's speech was littered with incendiary statements. He argued, "When you catch somebody in a fraud, you are allowed to go by very different rules. He told his supporters, 'We will never give up. We will never concede.' It doesn't happen. You don't concede when there's theft involved."

Trump had even goaded

former Vice President Mike Pence into overturning the electoral vote certification, something Pence had no power to do. At the rally, he said that if Mike Pence does the right thing, we win the election. When Pence refused, the president tweeted during the riots that Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution. The words hung Mike Pence were chanted by many who broke into the Capitol.

If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore," Trump said. [The difficulty in disproving a conspiracy is that every piece of true evidence only serves to strengthen falsehoods. A large group of Americans found it more plausible that from pollworkers to lawmakers to judges, every facet of this election had been infected by a scheming cabal designed to restrict liberties and overthrow democracy. They found all of that more likely than the possibility that their preferred candidate lost.]

The future of American democracy hinges on our collective ability to acknowledge reality. That path is made all the more difficult by lawmakers in Congress who wish to simply overlook this event and allow Trump to walk away without consequence. Senators like Lindsey Graham want no more than for the American people to simply "head and move on," arguing that impeachment proceedings will only do more harm than good.

Yet, it is impossible to heal when a disease is simply ignored. Even if Trump can be forgiven by some, he must be held accountable for his hand in the violence on Jan. 6. It is not enough to say that a lesson was learned, or that impeachment will simply cause further division. In accepting the former president's actions, lawmakers are openly inviting further violence to occur and damaging rhetoric to be validated.

## As seen on TV: the pandemic

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I remember listening to Luke Combs' "Six Feet Apart" for the first time a few days after it was released this past summer. I was in the car with my father and when the chorus began to blast on the radio, we both turned to each other. It was way too soon. I felt like we were in the eye of a storm that had no end in sight. It almost seemed inconsiderate to make a song in the midst of this tragic moment in history. While I understand my initial feelings about the release of pandemic-inspired art during the earlier days of the pandemic, I cannot ignore the almost contradictory thoughts that remind me of how art has historically and presently been used to capture major moments in history, good or bad. Combs' song represented the first time I really noticed a piece of history that I had lived through being the inspiration behind art.

I do not think that my response was what Luke Combs had in mind for his audience, nor did it seem like the inten-

tion of other artists, or all mediums, during this past year. We also see the reflections of our current global situation, for instance, in film and television. Screenplay writer Steven Knight used his fascination with the transition from pre-coronavirus into the pandemic when he was working on the unreleased film "Looked Down," which captures the lives of a couple struggling through the present pandemic. In an interview with the New York Times, Knight discussed how he felt writing about the pandemic while in the midst of it. The great thing is people have a choice (to watch). If it is painful, I completely understand that is the case for some people. But I'm hoping that doing something like this — it's the human reaction to adversity throughout history. You try to make sense of it somehow, or you look for a silver lining.

I think that Knight, as with any artist, can anticipate that a portion of their prospective audience will not be ready to accept what he has created, but I also believe that it is important to begin sharing stories from this period. This art will

act as a reverberation of the present, catalogued for a time when people are ready to revisit the pandemic and its effects. More than that, an artist should not have to limit themselves to please an audience. They should instead present this period of uncertainty with authenticity and honesty.

One of the purposes of art, as I have learned, is to evoke emotions in its audience. But perhaps even more true is that art is used as a medium through which artists are able to express their perspectives of history as it happens. I appreciate this privilege of art in bringing us into moments of the past and the present through their lens or from a neutral lens, but I also understand where my initial reaction of listening to "Six Feet Apart" was rooted from. I had never experienced such an obvious reference to an experience that along with the artist, I had also been enduring. And since that initial reaction to Luke Combs' hopeful, social-distancing anthem, I have since found comfort in his and others' art that have shown me that I am not alone in navigating through unprecedented times.

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## Marjorie Taylor Greene: A symptom of a wider sickness

Zach Murphy  
Staff Writer

The continued abuse of Jewish people in the name of God or nation is a disturbing recurrence that, regrettably, appears continuously throughout the world. Within our collective national conscience, however, it appears that antisemitism is treated as a bygone issue, falling from prominence with the end of the Holocaust and Third Reich. Recent comments from U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene reveal, however, that the scapegoating of Jewish people continues to live stronger than ever. Her comments are not only objectionable in every sense; they reveal a deeper problem left unaddressed by our country — our national complacency in the face of anti-Semitism.

Among Greene's comments, one has specifically blamed the 2018 California forest fires on a space laser controlled by, chiefly, the Rothschild banking family. The Rothschild family originates in mid-18th century Germany where they earned a significant fortune banking within noble circles. Their wealth and financial success is often the subject

of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories. Whether or not Greene intended to endorse these conspiracy theories is beside the point; the comments are, at their core, an endorsement of anti-Semitic values that reflect a darker tradition within the United States.

Just as every other American, I would like to think that this country always stood on the moral high ground throughout history. This line of thinking could not be further from the truth, especially concerning our country's failure to combat anti-Semitism. Failure in this sense is not something to be taken lightly, as anti-Semitic conspiracies lead to real-world violence and national tragedies such as the 2018 Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting and the 2019 Jersey City Shooting. In these cases, anti-Semitic conspiracy theories fueled perpetrators' hatred and resulted in the outbreak of violence. These attacks highlight the extreme danger that comes with anti-Semitic conspiracies, and emphasize that these ideas should be combated for the sake of safety. How can we claim to be one of the best countries in the world when we fail to protect those who are attacked based on an un-

changeable identity? Solving this problem will not be easy, but it is necessary for the protection of a community that has historically faced extreme violence and discrimination.

While some people might disagree that the United States is complacent in this issue, I would point to the lack of serious official action in response to attacks and conspiracies. No legitimate effort to combat antisemitism has been made by the U.S. government; the First Amendment serving as a major roadblock to the prevention of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories and Nazi-esque rhetoric. Anybody can promote lies with no consequences for their actions — consequently, the burden of this problem falls in the laps of the people more than the government.

Our country will remain complicit until the American people can step up and demand change by voting and actively resisting these conspiracies. While Greene's comments may not have caused direct physical harm in this instance, the influence of her office grants these ideas an air of legitimacy that is, at its core, a mockery of the notions this country purports to stand for: tolerance, diversity and acceptance.

## The stupor bowl

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Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. 31-9. The number one offense in the NFL mustered nine points in a crushing defeat on Sunday night that can easily be counted among the most depressing blowouts in the history of organized sports. Patrick Mahomes, perhaps the most talented quarterback who has ever lived, scored 0 (zero!) touchdowns and threw for a measly 26/49 (53 percent), amounting to a total of 270 yards for the man throwing on average 316 yards per game at 66.3 percent. So how exactly did the guy who amalgamates the improvisational skill of Brett Favre, the arm of Aaron Rodgers, the decision making of Tom Brady and the running ability of John Elway, manage to fall short on the biggest stage he's ever played on so far?

The answer is cheese. Not the kind of cheese Rodgers has been throwing to for the past eight years in Green Bay, oh no no, but a hole-y swiss cheese, aka whatever Kansas City's offensive line coach Andy Heck decided to play Sunday night. In fact, putting literal cheese on the line of scrimmage would have better protected Mahomes from Tampa's defensive tackles if only for the slipping hazard compelling Shaquille Barrett, Devin White and Ndamukong Suh to go around it. To put it simply, the offensive line looked absolutely atrocious, especially considering that Mahomes suffered a recent concussion and will be going under the knife in a week to operate on his toe injury from the AFC divisional round. Protect your damn quarterback so the

next time you try to roll all 500 million dollars of him out onto the field he doesn't look like an unmasked Darth Vader at the end of Return of the Jedi.

Some of this is out of Kansas City's control. Their two best pro-bowl caliber offensive linemen, Eric Fisher and Mitchell Schwartz, were injured, but a team of Kansas City's caliber has to account for that and not allow for the absolute travesty that was Sunday night's game. Kansas City's offense is almost entirely predicated on the greatness of Mahomes, and part of the greatness of Mahomes is his extraordinary skill set with the deep ball. If the quarterback only has a second to two seconds to throw the ball, there's no time for his best offensive weapons in Tyreek Hill (WR) and Travis Kelce (TE) to 1.) get far enough away for a large, game changing gain or 2.) even get open from the double- or triple-coverage they faced in the first place. Patrick Mahomes didn't almost run 500 yards (on turf toe!) because he felt like it, he ran 500 yards because he was scared for his damn life. By circumstance and criminal negligence, what makes the Chiefs the Chiefs (besides racial insensitivity in their team name) was completely decimated. It's a miracle they managed to score a single field goal. If they had scored in double digits, it would have been a divine act of God herself. Mahomes did his absolute best with what pitiful help he had been given.

Not enough has been said about the elite defensive play from Todd Bowles and the Bucs defense. It was simply extraordinary. One of the best defensive performances by a team in the Super Bowl ever. Every player played to their absolute ceiling, which is the only reason a defensive player didn't win

MVP. Every weakness Kansas City had, the Bucs defense found and turned to their advantage. It was smart, aggressive and dominant football out of Todd Bowles' squad.

People will be arguing the entire off-season that the egregious foul calls in the first half contributed to Kansas City's loss (refs, please stop calling stupid holding calls on players not involved in the play during big games on game-changing plays), but ultimately, the responsibility lies on the Chiefs' Defensive Coordinator to get his guys to stop committing fouls the refs have been calling all night, one sided or otherwise. Kansas City's weaknesses were on full display from the start, and it is completely unknowable what would've happened if that second-quarter interception hadn't been interrupted by a deeply annoying holding call. What we can say is that by that point in the game, Kansas City had looked bad. Whether that would've turned around on the turnover is irrelevant. What happened happened. Elite teams get over it and rally.

Tom Brady, whatever. Fine. I get it. You win. Bleating bearded animal. He played great. Friendly reminder from a salty Giants fan that Eli "Beach-Body" Manning still lives rent-free in his head. But make no mistake — the Bucs defense won this game by exploiting weaknesses, and the Chiefs' abysmal O-line and lack of significant adjustments lost it. God help you, next-season Mahomes, you'll certainly need it. Come back next year and become the GOAT-slayer you were born to be, or else we'll all be forced to wait upon stupid dummy-dumb-dumb Thomas Edward Patrick Brady for the rest of eternity.

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# ANOTHER PANDEMIC SEMESTER

## TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE STUCK AT HOME.

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Special Features Editor

It is hard to believe that it's been almost a year since the COVID-19 pandemic first jeopardized life at the University. Since University President John Bravman sent that first unforgettable email in March 2020, life — on-campus and off-campus

— has been far from normal for all. As the spring semester rolls around, we are still in the midst of an unbridled pandemic — we are in another pandemic semester. Despite the countless hardships and moments of grief that COVID-19 continues to leave behind, one thing that can be said about the University community is that we are relentlessly adaptive and persevering.

## ZOOM-CLASSROOM

Depending on their personal circumstances, the style of the course material and the class size, professors have the choice to make their classes fully remote, fully in-person, or a hybrid of both styles. Now that we have a whole semester (and a bit more) of virtual learning behind us, we are all more adjusted and even forming some routines related to remote classes — and still, it is an ongoing learning process.

Professor of English Virginia Zimmerman shared her personal experience and anecdote on the realities of virtual learning, and how it plays into her role as an educator: "While I'm anxious to get back to in-person teaching, I've been pleasantly surprised by how it is possible to cultivate a sense of community and have really live-

ly discussions on Zoom. I feel I learned a lot during the summer session about how to do this and have continued to fine tune my pedagogy to ensure a robust learning experience," Professor Zimmerman said.

The adjustment to remote education has been a journey full of stress, unexpected challenges, patience and constant learning and re-learning on all parts. Classrooms have transformed into Zoom screens. The boy who sits next to you in class has been replaced by a small, digital portal into his bedroom. Turning to a partner to discuss has turned into breakout rooms. Raising your hand in class is now unmuting yourself.

Throughout this journey, both students and professors alike have had to adapt and do a little extra leg-work to produce

the level of learning that we all value. University professors across departments have entirely re-structured their courses and re-worked their style of teaching to match the level of the education they are used to providing. Students have re-learned how to learn and have altered their individual routines or ways of working to conform to this "new normal." Both parties have transformed their bedrooms, living rooms, dorms, and even kitchens into classrooms.

Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Erica Delsandro also shared a helpful tip she learned: "Sharing my own experiences teaching in a pandemic helped to facilitate an environment in which we could all be transparent and communicative about the impact COVID-19 has on our shared se-

master experience. Nearly every class last semester began with some sort of conversation about the newest dashboard numbers, mask wearing, Zoom fatigue, strategies for handling remote learning, etc. Did it take time away from instruction? Yes. Was it completely worthwhile, validating, and community building? Yes."

Assistant Professor of English Chase Gregory echoed these sentiments: "This semester I at least feel a little more prepared than in previous pandemic semesters. The most useful thing I have discovered about teaching in COVID times is that the more transparency between teacher and students, the better. I try to regularly check in and adjust as necessary. We're all being put through the wringer right now."

## MOTIONLESSNESS

While we are all in this together as a community, the feelings of isolation and separation cannot be ignored. These feelings spread across not only individuals, but also class years. Seniors are likely feeling as if their last year, their last opportunities to make memories in college, have been taken away from them. For sophomores and juniors, they could be feeling like they are missing out on the best parts of their "best four years," including a semester spent studying abroad. And lastly, first-year students, whose first time in college was just last semester, are likely feeling a lack of connection with others and a lack of development in themselves.

"It feels like a constant

struggle of wanting to stay safe and follow quarantine protocols for the benefit of everyone, and wanting to be selfish and try to have the most normal last semester possible. It's not a struggle anyone enjoys, it makes you constantly on edge and ultimately disappointed," Olivia Zavol '21, as senior shared said.

Another group of students who might be feeling somewhat "new" to campus this semester are those who were home doing their semester fully remotely and those who deferred a semester. For these individuals, the change from "pre-COVID normal" to "COVID normal" probably feels much more drastic — the last time they saw the University, no

one was wearing masks and all corners of campus were full of activity and movement.

Alkil Atkins '22 spoke to this: "Coming back to campus from being remote last semester has definitely been interesting to say the least, and I truly didn't realize how much has changed from when I was last on campus in spring 2020." He went on to describe a certain feeling of motionlessness that is another key issue of a pandemic semester. "I am involved in many different organizations at Bucknell so I am used to always being on the move around campus, however now with so much being remote I didn't realize how sedentary I would be moving into this semester. However, I do appreciate

the precautions that have been taken to keep students on campus, and I'm hoping that we can make it through the semester," Atkins said.

Katelynne Schmidt '22, who deferred last semester, summarized her initial feelings: "Being back on campus is everything I wanted it to be and everything I feared it would be," Schmidt said. "I'm so thrilled to be surrounded by my friends, peers and faculty, but my heart breaks from the fact that that 'surroundedness' is experienced stuck behind a computer screen. And, even though I am grateful to be on campus again, I can't help but be reminded of everything I miss so dearly when I'm confronted by its absence."

## EXPERIENCING THE EXPERIENCE

The college experience is more than just the education. We've all heard different variations of this saying, and we are all learning that it rings true through these four years. On campus, students are involved in athletics, student government, clubs, organizations related to their interests,

affinity-based housing, Greek life, various jobs and so much more. A unique assortment of these activities make up each individual student's life at the University — and all of these activities have been touched by the pandemic. Organizations have been moved to Zoom, clubs have fallen short

and, most importantly, close connections or relationships have been interrupted.

Despite all of this, it is inspiring to see the ways in which we have all adapted and persevered in this challenging period. Each member of our dynamic community has, in some part,

shaped the "pandemic experience" at the University. And, in a way, this shows our strength: our ability to build community in the worst of times.



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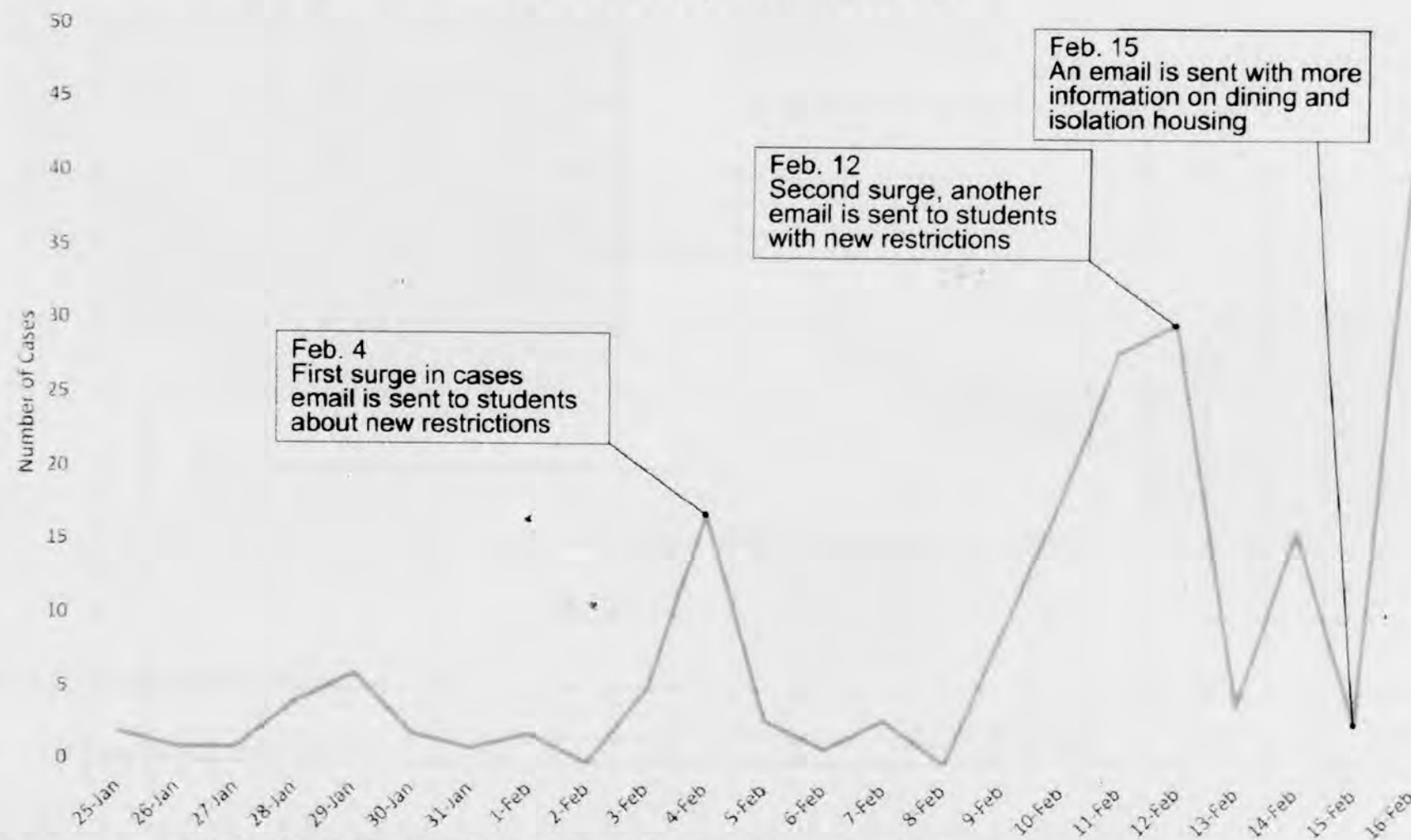
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## RECORD-BREAKING SURGE IN CAMPUS COVID-19 CASES BRINGS TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS

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As of Thursday, Feb. 18, the University's COVID-19 dashboard reveals a record-breaking number of on-campus positives. Currently, 173 people are infected with the virus, with 234 residing in isolation housing this week. This is more than the University has ever experienced. With over 75% of the isolation capacity filled,

many are wondering, how do we proceed?

Addressing this capacity issue, University President John Bravman has announced the acquisition of 37 more off-campus isolation rooms. A new temporary quarantine policy states that students who have been contact-traced will no longer be moved to University-provided isolation housing. Instead, they will be expected to remain in their rooms.

"Beginning tomorrow, students quarantining on campus will pick up their meals in the old Larison Dining Hall, a section of the facility not used by the general student population. They should not go to any other campus dining facilities. They will choose their meals in advance from a special menu using an online form," Bravman said.

To help get a handle on the dramatic increase

in cases, Bravman has also sent out an updated list of guidelines that he expects students to adhere to in the following weeks. Many of the former restrictions remain in place, such as all classes being held remotely until further notice and gatherings being restricted to no more than three people. Additionally, he recommends the use of double masks and advises against going off-campus unless "absolutely

necessary. Further, there will now be a 24-hour turnaround in test results.

Bravman's latest announcement addresses the controversy around campus about having contact-traced individuals waiting in communal dining hall lines. However, there remains a great deal of discomfort about contact-traced students living among the rest of the student body with par-

## New opportunities at the Career Center

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The Bucknell Career Center for Advancement (CCA) is a resource accessible to all students looking for full-time jobs or internships, both on and off campus. Students can make appointments on the University website to meet with counselors or coaches remotely to discuss any questions they may have. During a meeting with a counselor or coach, students can review their resume, apply to internships and draft emails to employers.

In order to provide students with several opportunities, the University recently transitioned to using Handshake on June 1. Handshake is a site used to explore career options and connect with employers online. The CCA also provides career fairs and events in order to build your network and make face-to-face connections. This past weekend, on Feb. 11, the University hosted a virtual career fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are many resources

available for students who want to make use of their summer so it is important that each student take advantage of these tools.

When asked about their virtual career fairs, the Senior Assistant Director of the CCA Megan Wolleben said, "We recently hosted our first career fair of the semester and have two more planned for later in the Spring semester as well as industry focused meet and greets with sessions from alumni across different companies. We will host our first one on Technology Thursday Feb. 18 with alumni from Google, IBM, Honeywell and Cloudflare. More will be coming throughout the semester on Communications, Marketing and Advertising and Non-profit and Government."

"We are working diligently to make sure we are still bringing as many opportunities for students to meet and network with alumni, great internships and jobs to apply for, and help get prepared in any way for their next step in their career journey."

## INVESTIGATIVE NEWS

### Beset by unique challenges, international students begin second fully-remote semester

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As the University enters its third semester of pandemic learning, international students studying both remotely and on-campus face a unique set of scheduling, technological and logistical challenges. With administrative support and efficient work ethic, however, international students have demonstrated admirable resilience and adaptability in the shift to remote learning.

For many international students, the decision to study remotely was determined by travel restrictions, potential health risks, financial constraints and uncertainty on the spread of the virus. "If the pandemic has added significant stress and uncertainty to all of our lives," Director of International Student Services (ISS) Jennifer Figueroa said, "it is safe to say that it has done so to an even greater extent for international students."

Figueroa recognizes that the abrupt shift to online learning in March was a significant source of stress to international students. Although ISS was able to accommodate students who wished to remain on campus to complete their coursework, Figueroa acknowledged that these students were consequent-

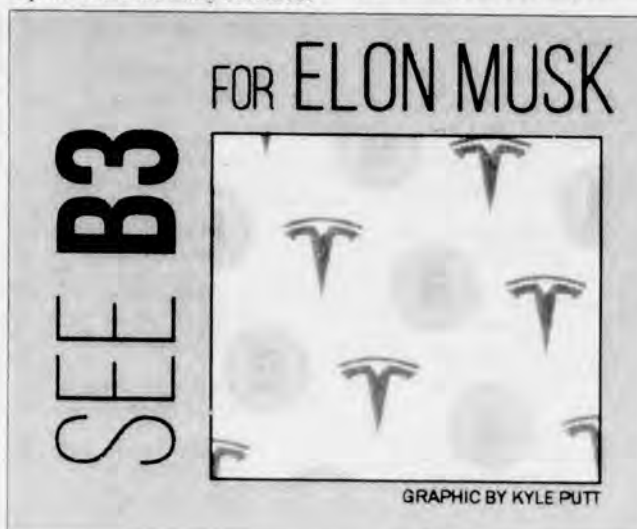
ly extremely socially isolated. The challenges were even greater for those who wanted to return home—many were required to complete multiple periods of isolation upon arriving in their home countries, while others' flights were cancelled entirely due to the rapidly changing restrictions. "This was perhaps the hardest situation of all: some students tried to get home and ultimately failed; flights home were either completely nonexistent or costing \$10,000 and up," Figueroa said. For many, such as Teresa Tian '22, a biology and psychology major from China, traveling home is even more difficult. "I need to have both my nucleic acid test and antibody test ready within 48 hours before the flight. After I go back to China, I need to be quarantined in a hotel managed by the government for 14 days and then stayed home for another seven days," Tian said.

International students were by far the largest demographic affected by the shift to hybrid courses in the fall. 48 percent of international students were remote during the fall semester, and 34 percent have remained remote for the spring. Likewise, 82 percent of the University's international first year class were unable to attend school in-person due to flight unavailability and the lack of student visa in-

terviews offered at U.S. embassies. Additionally, international students were overrepresented in the number of students who took a leave of absence: 17 international students took a leave of absence in the fall, compared to the usual number range of three to six students.

Joelle Kim '23, a neuroscience major from South Korea, chose to take the fall semester off upon realizing that the physical distance and time difference would hinder her learning. "I get the most out of classes when I am able to get hands-on experience (like being in the lab) or to ask questions and have conversations with professors during office hours," Kim said. "And I knew even coming back on campus would not provide the same experience I cherished."

Indeed, the overwhelming majority of international students somewhat depended on ISS's regular email blasts and newsletters. "If it had not been for them and their attempts to keep me in the loop and make as many accommodations as they possibly could or even their attempts to motivate me when I was going through my low periods, I don't think I would have made it through last semester as well as I did or even come back here," Sherab Dorji '22, an international relations and econom-



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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

Protests demanding democratic rule persist in Myanmar after last week's military coup. Queues have formed outside of banks as people fear further instability. Recent reports say police have been using tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse crowds. On Monday, Feb. 15, Myanmar's military announced penalties of up to 20 years in prison for those opposing the coup leaders. Access to the internet was cut off for two nights but was restored on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

British scientists are finding increasing evidence that the COVID-19 variant originally found in Britain is not only 30-70% more easily transmissible, but is also 30-70 percent more deadly than other versions of the virus. A study by the government released on Feb. 12 indicated that there was a higher rate of hospitalizations with the new strain. The reasons for the higher death rates is not completely clear.

## DOMESTIC

On Feb. 13, the U.S. Senate acquitted former U.S. President Donald Trump of inciting violence leading up to the Jan. 6 riot and breaching of the U.S. Capitol. This brought the end to Trump's second impeachment trial. U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says that Congress will further investigate by establishing an "outside independent" commission.

A deadly snowstorm has swept across the South, causing school and government closures, slick roads and power outages. On Sunday, southern Texas received as much as six inches of snow. By Monday, the storm had moved into Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and parts of northern Georgia. So far, at least 21 deaths have been reported.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ics from Bhutan, said.

In addition to these numerous logistical burdens, international students agreed that time differences were the most cumbersome aspect of learning remotely. Many remote international students are appreciative of faculty efforts who have extended deadlines and made it possible for them to access class materials asynchronously. "Thankfully, all of my professors posted videos rather than gave lectures live on Zoom, so I did not have to be awake at 3 a.m. to join classes," Kim said.

Nevertheless, for Dorji to stay up to date with course work and extracurriculars, she had to adjust her sleep schedule. "I was essentially nocturnal. I slept until the late afternoon and after meals, I stayed up until the wee hours of the morning. It was admittedly not the healthiest way to live," Dorji said.

In contrast, Sultan AlKaabi '21, a mechanical engineering major from the United Arab Emirates, said that though the time difference was inconvenient, it made him more efficient. "My work ethic and sleep schedule was better than when I was at Bucknell, surprisingly. I procrastinate less as I cannot

stay up all night working on something." However, AlKaabi added that the time difference put him at a disadvantage in hybrid classes, where students on campus attended class in person while he remained at home. "The professors would mostly focus on the in-person students and don't give as much attention to the remote students, and it is hard to interact as a remote student," AlKaabi said. AlKaabi noted that this made lab classes particularly challenging, as he could not physically participate. "I would just be staring at my labmates doing the lab without understanding what they were doing. I'd just get the data at the end of the lab and try to make sense of it," AlKaabi said.

Otis Skitch '22, a mathematical economics major from England, agreed that time difference was an obstacle when organizing group projects and attending office hours/study groups as these meetings were scheduled in the evening. Skitch resorted to the Internet as "one of my only resources for help outside of class/office hours."

While Kareen George '22, an English literature and Political Science major from Dominica, did not experience significant

difficulties with timing, she did have trouble obtaining the materials needed to finish her thesis. "Most of the material I wanted wasn't available in my country. There are a lot of copyright laws that blocked me from accessing them," George said. In fact, having unlimited access to the University's academic resources was the largest factor in her decision to return to campus.

Other students struggled to secure stable internet connection during class periods. "I live in an isolated neighborhood up in the mountains on the outskirts of my city, so my internet connection was not the greatest. More often than not, my connection got disrupted during class time and at times, it wouldn't come back until after class was over," Dorji said.

George added that during the hurricane season, "it is pretty common for electricity to just go for the day with no warning."

According to the Institute of International Education, the number of international students choosing to study abroad in the United States has been steadily declining since 2015. Nationalistic rhetoric, punishing immigration policy, and fears of safety, along with increasing

international competition have drawn students away from U.S. universities; many fear that the pandemic will also deter international students from pursuing higher education in the United States. Specifically, the increased racial violence against Asian Americans provoked by the pandemic is a point of anxiety for many students coming from Asian countries. "From what I experienced myself, many international students are more self-conscious about how people would look at us due to the heightened level of racism," Kim said.

Dorji also hopes that future international students will "gravitate from American educational institutions and towards universities in more 'foreigner-friendly' places or maybe even perhaps, stay home and study in their local colleges and universities."

Nevertheless, the unparalleled scope and size of the American higher education system will continue to draw students abroad. "Most of us don't have a choice. There are no universities in my country. So if I wanted to pursue higher education I would have to leave home," George said.

## COVID ON CAMPUS

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ticular concern about possibly infecting roommates.

One student revealed about the meal options that students were initially able to have a variety of food choices, but once the hotels got full, they started receiving "chef's choice" for each day's meal. "We get three meals delivered to us in a bag left outside our door around 4 p.m. each day. The day I got here, I was able to pick out my meal for the next day through a Google form menu, but as cases started to increase, they removed that option and now give you only what they have available," Zoe Macuto '23 said. Other students remarked about having only one hour of "outside time" in the parking lot, a very limited

space and time period.

Despite the overwhelming apprehension and uncertainty that has clouded campus, Bravman believes that we will get through this so long as we remain patient and work together. "No doubt there is light at the end of the tunnel; no doubt that better days are ahead. But there's also no doubt that this is not over; that there remains a great deal of uncertainty; and that vigilance is required," Bravman said.

The number of on-campus Covid infections will function as major determinant in whether the seniors are able to have a Commencement. The final decision about this year's Commencement plans will be decided in mid-March.

## Dr. Steiner delivers award winning lecture

Bob Feeney  
Staff Writer

The University's Professor of Philosophy Gary Steiner, 2020 recipient of the Class of 1956 Lectureship for Inspirational Teaching Award, presented his lecture "Pedagogy and the Human Vocation" on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Steiner specializes in the areas of Moral and Political Philosophy, with special focus on the Moral Status of Animals, History of Modern Philosophy, Descartes, and 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy.

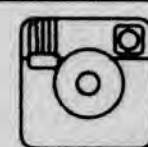
Steiner is one of the six professors who were presented awards for excellence in teaching across the disciplines. The Class of 1956 Lectureship for Inspirational Teaching Award is given annually to a professor that is nominated by their colleagues and selected by a committee consisting of deans, two representatives from the faculty and representatives from the student population.

The Zoom lecture was opened by Associate Dean of Faculty and Professor of Political Science Michael James, who introduced Steiner before the lecture. "As he rose through the ranks of the Bucknell professoriate, Gary established himself as

a scholar in the areas of animal ethics and modern philosophy," James, last year's Lectureship for Inspirational Teaching award winner, said. "Despite his status as a global scholar, Gary remains a devoted servant to Bucknell University governments."

Steiner's lecture focused on the human vocation, in which he echoed the teachings and words of Western philosophers, to support his own findings on vocation. Steiner elaborated on his thoughts in support or opposition to certain ideas and writings from philosophers about the notion of calling and prior commitment.

Along with his lecture on philosophy and vocation, Steiner spoke to some of his experience teaching and advising: "as teachers we will make mistakes, the proper response to which is not to reproach ourselves or others for our erroneous judgement but instead to look ahead into the future in which we avoid that kind of mistake going forward. This means that in addition to an abiding humility, we as teachers need to remain both vigilant and very sincerely self-critical." Steiner has been teaching at the University since 1987, when he began as a visiting assistant professor of philosophy.



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## Professor Burns challenges misleading narrative



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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, media outlets have pushed the narrative that countries with women in executive leadership positions have had better success in their response to the outbreak. Credible news outlets such as the New York Times, Vox, NBC News and more have all published stories focused on this trend. But Assistant Professor of Political Science Courtney Burns questions this depiction by the media, along with her fellow researchers in her latest research article, "Gender in the time of COVID-19: Evaluating national leadership and COVID-19 fatalities."

The article evaluates the response effectiveness of all 13 women-led nations, not only those characterized as a democracy. "The narrative was mostly on Jacinda Ardern, Angela Merkel, and Katrin Jakobsdottir, but there were also women in Burma, Hong Kong and Taiwan," Burns said when asked what drew her to this research. She hopes to expand the initial findings by not only looking at the leaders in power, but by also

analyzing the culture of each country and the ways that political climate can prepare a nation to succeed during a health crisis.

Although their findings show that there is no difference in reported deaths in female-led or male-led countries, the researchers are not trying to undermine the success of countries with female leaders, such as New Zealand and Iceland. Burns clarifies that, "While we don't find that women leaders performed better than men leaders in terms of decreasing COVID-19 fatalities, this doesn't mean that women leaders are doing worse. The countries that performed the best are those that have higher egalitarian scores AND a woman leader."

Burns stresses that, "Women leaders in countries with higher egalitarian scores DID perform the best, but there is context and nuance to why. Those countries tended to be islands, have better infrastructure, and better healthcare. And finally, the culture of a country plays a role in COVID-19 response from requiring the wearing of masks to having stringent lockdowns."

Burns argues that when evaluating the success of women-led countries, it is important

to consider the cultural contexts of their country's rather than their own 'feminine' qualities. "Part of the problem of making assumptions about the behavior of women leaders is that it feeds into the stereotypes of their leadership. If we expect women to perform better because they are caring and compassionate, then we propagate stereotypes that that's why women perform better rather than taking their leadership as a whole," she said. "Moreover, we do find that the country's capacity in terms of culture, especially those that are more egalitarian, perform better. It is important to remember that leaders are often a byproduct of the culture of their countries."

Burns is currently working with a few co-authors of this research on a new paper that will focus on analyzing the speeches made by both women and men at the beginning of the pandemic in hopes of determining whether public communication was central to the belief that female leaders responded more effectively to the pandemic. Burns and the other researchers will look to see if women leaders "spoke differently and provided different imagery" compared to their male counterparts.

## CAREER CENTER

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ney," Willeben said.

The CCA provides opportunities for students to explore and determine their career goals. Most students choose to pursue work immediately after they graduate. However about 20 percent of students opt to pursue a graduate or professional school directly after they graduate and many more decide to pursue

graduate degrees a few years after they graduate (in a recent email from the CCA).

"The Career Center helped me revise my resume so I could stand out to potential future employers. It is definitely worth the trip," Brad Lauscher '23 said.

Some useful links provided by the CCA are Graduate School Advising at the Univer-

sity, which is conducted primarily through the faculty to help students find programs. Another link is the Pre-Health Professions and Law. The Office of Undergraduate Fellowships and Research provides information and programming about undergraduate research opportunities and applications for post-graduate fellowships.

## CAP Core continues to host virtual activities

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Core, part of Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Center, is a committee of students that works to plan weekly on-campus events for the University community. These events provide interactive entertainment and various opportunities for students to meet and interact with one another. Above all, Core seeks to promote a positive, inviting and engaging environment for students.

Although Core may be unfamiliar to some, many students may recognize this organization by the name under which it was previously known as Activities and Campus Events (ACE). Core's current president, Lydia Naughton '21, explains, "Core was born out of a student organization called ACE in the spring 2020 semester. Before Core, I was involved in ACE as a programming chair, and I oversaw events including Canoe Battleship, Cake Wars, River Rush, and Fire Show. Ultimately, we decided to transform ACE into Core because we wanted to change the infrastructure and rebrand the club. One of the main changes we wanted to make is that we wanted to create a collaborative, tight knit team of student

leaders that would be the 'core' of CAP Center event offerings."

"Core currently has 14 student members and a faculty advisor who are all heavily involved in the planning and execution of our campus events. This dynamic has worked very well the last couple semesters and can only improve in the future as new members join our team," Core Executive Planner Caitlin Colicchio '23 said.

Following their rebranding, Core planned various exciting events for the Spring 2020 semester. Some of these events included Casino Night, Cake Wars, DIY Night, Bingo Blingo and more. Although the closing of the University's campus in March 2020 prevented the organization from hosting some of the events that they had planned, the students of Core got to work planning for the Fall 2020 semester. Navigating uncharted territory, the organization had to plan their events around new and changing COVID-19 regulations. This meant rethinking snack distribution, maintaining social distancing, providing sanitation supplies and reducing contact between students.

"Being part of Core during COVID-19 is especially interesting because it challenges me to

think in creative ways that promote interaction and fun with proper safety regulations," Executive Planner Carole Beckhorn '23 said.

Despite the many challenges, Core was able to plan events that allowed students to engage in their community and socialize with their fellow students, all while maintaining a safe environment. Some of their fall events included Bingo, DIY Night, S'mores & More, Country Fair, Just Desserts and Escape Rooms, to name a few. While these events may have looked different than previous semesters, they proved to be a success and received positive reactions from students.

While the University deals with rising COVID-19 cases in the first few weeks of this semester, students can rest assured that Core will have some exciting events planned for when in-person events resume. Helen Goble '23, an executive planner for Core, remains hopeful for future events, stating, "hopefully we can host bigger events in the future, but I definitely recommend checking out any events you can!"

To keep up to date with Core's events, go to the Campus Activities & Programs Instagram page. @bucknellcapcenter

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## Breaking: Campus security scrambling after frats change all party themes to "Camo"



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LEWISBURG — Representatives for the University's Public Safety security force shared early Monday that their field units were bewildered this weekend after finding no fraternity parties to cite. Hearing noise but seeing no students, officers drove in circles for most of the night, confused by the lack of dorm pre-games and downtown activity. Eventually figuring students were spending a Friday night in college safely alone in their rooms, officers returned to the Public Safety building and spent the night finally getting around to watching Netflix's *Bridgerton*.

Patrolling St. Catherine's St. as well as the surrounding areas, some persistent officers such as Sgt. Paul Lee were suspicious, until an informant told them that the frats had decided to universally change all party themes to "camouflage." Inspired by their ability to blend in with their surroundings, the students successfully evaded sanction from the University and were able to happily drink lukewarm beer with no less than 50 of their unmasked friends in the midst of a pandemic.

Although the central idea was the same, some frats put their own spin on it. A couple

opted for "Camo Trap House" and "Camo Space Western" while two others were apparently themed their parties "Cows Go CaMOO" and "Camus" (partygoers came dressed as men blinded by the sun and rock-pushing Corinthian kings). The limitations on the intellect and creativity of party-deprived students are nonexistent.

An unnamed fraternity brother, who claims to have sparked the trend, said that the idea came from a conversation between him and a few friends the night before. Sitting on the floor of their dorm room at approximately 2 a.m., the students attempted to confront the dilemma before them: "why won't they let us rage dude," one cried, "when all 70 of us are being responsible with our own individual bubbles!" Before he could finish, another interjected, "I don't know, man. If we could just make it so they can't see us, then they, like, can't bust us," before entering a substance-induced coughing spasm. "To exist means you are perceived," another sighed in the soft glow of his lava lamp. This was when the realization occurred. Standing up and shushing his disciples, our source said he pulled a camo shirt from his drawer and looked at his adoring followers. The rest is history. Public Safety has no comment on how they will resolve the matter in the future, but are exploring all options.

## Roomie problems, send help please?

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The campus-wide quarantine has been a tough time for students. I'm not going to lie, I'm thriving, so I decided to open an advice column. Actually, it's more like a forum, where students can ask for advice (i.e. rant) about their roommate problems and the questions have since been pouring in! I know what you're thinking, "Go on, list them!" I am not one to deny the will of the people, so of course I will! Side note, the names have been changed because privacy is important, but mostly because my fake names are funnier.

This week's quarantine

Q: "Hello, hope you are well! I am profoundly lonely. I spend each waking hour alone, telling my roommate to shut the heck up. How can I tell him I'd rather let the possum outside our window crawl into bed with me than listen to him talk about his Yu-Gi-Oh! 'Dark Magician' and its devastatingly high attack points?"

— "Yu-Gi-Oh No!"

A: Dear, "Yu-Gi-Oh No!," put the possum in your roommate's bed. Fun fact: possums have devastatingly high attack points.

Q: "My roommate never wears shoes, how can I tell her she has nasty hobbit toes?"

— "Nasty Hobbit Toes?"

A: What's happenin'?! "Nasty Hobbit Toes?" My advice would be to give your roommate footie pajamas as a present for National Tortellini Day. She'll either be very confused and move away, or she'll never stop wearing them. Either way, you won't see her feet anymore.

Q: "My roommate burns weird stuff all day long: candles, microwave popcorn, my love letters to Shia LaBeouf. How can I tell her those are my letters, and I'm not really going to send them?"

— "Shy about Shia?"

A: Dear "Shy about Shia," I think we know who's really the problem here. Who starts a fire with paper? Dryer lint is natural kindling. So burn some dust bunnies, send those letters, and get "Even Stevens."

## Revolutionary: University president suggests not being depressed during quarantine

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LEWISBURG — Following a surge in positive Covid-19 cases, the University President released a statement late Wednesday night urging exposed students to stay inside their living quarters and continue to stay positive.

"During these unprecedented times, in which we are all together, things can be really bad, but we're all feeling them, so you're not special," the University President said.

As isolation housing fills up, contact-traced students like Cora Teene '23 are unable to leave their dorms. "I haven't been able to leave my dorm," Teene shared over a Zoom interview. "Exercise is a human right! I'm already a week behind my workout schedule," Teene said on the second day of her required fourteen-day quarantine.

Other students have also expressed their distress at remaining in their dormitories during the University's pseudo-lockdown. In an effort to reduce the spread of the virus, the University President generously allotted those quarantining in their rooms one hour of outside time per day. However, due to fear of the severe cold, students were warned against going outside and instead encouraged to stretch their legs in the five-step

length of their rooms. Instead, students have been spotted using this time watching snow fall from the warmth of their rooms during last week's winter snowstorm where temperatures reached below freezing.

For a student's daily dose of vitamin D, health advisers suggest getting a heat lamp from the local pet store. If students feel as if they are deficient in the vitamin, they can plug in the lamp and rest underneath it for 13 hours.

Throughout a fourteen-day isolation, many students have been binge watching movies like "Titanic" and "Marley & Me" in an attempt to raise their spirits. Others have dove headfirst into new hobbies that include getting an appropriate amount of sleep and watching paint dry. Coincidentally, Zoom "camera-on" attendance has been shockingly low for isolated students who reported rather doing another round of quarantine before going back to their in-person 8 a.m. class.

Students in the isolation hotel have reported a surge in annoyance with the University's administration citing that their friend's room across the hall is not an ideal spot for Saturday night parties. When asked about the criticisms by students over the University's isolation policies, the University President stated, "my junk mail has never been more full."

## Neat! Democrats Finally Give Credit Where Credit's Due

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GOP leaders are relieved to see that the Do-Nothing Democrats finally gave former U.S. President Donald Trump the credit he deserves during his historic second impeachment trial last week. Although Trump has been acquitted, the Radical Left finally reached across the political aisle to acknowledge the long-lasting legacy that Trump has left behind in his one-term presidency.

In the days leading up to and during the impeachment trial, Democrats have made it quite clear that they see Trump as the catalyst and main cause of the Jan. 6 insurrection, with some even going as far to call him and his supporters terrorists.

"It is truly a breath of fresh air to hear the truth for once. After years of saying President Trump never did anything for this country, the Left is finally acknowledging his instrumental role in staging an attack on the very cornerstone of our nation's democracy," explained a top former aide to the 45th president.

Professionals and commoners alike are thrilled by this change of pace. Tara Rist explained the great impact

Trump has had on her life in an exclusive interview with *The Bucknellian*. "Mr. Trump has made me feel seen, like I can finally be true to myself again," Rist said. "When we were told to 'fight like hell' against our country's egregious display of democracy, I knew this was what I was born to do. It's just nice to see our nation unified once again with the Democrats making a point to acknowledge his part and all." When asked why some Republicans refused to make these same acknowledgements, Rist explained, "We need to impeach those RINOs immediately."

While Trump is unable to publicly speak on the matter due to his only conceivable platform of communication, Twitter, having been ripped from his toddler-sized hands, his good friend and former business partner, Russian President Vladimir Putin, has reported Trump is ecstatic about this good publicity.

All in all, our country seems to be more unified than ever before. Democrats are saying Trump was instrumental in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, and Republicans are calling those who participated in the attack "patriots." It's refreshing to see everyone on the same page for once.

## Shocking! Barron Trump found living in White House vents



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In the midst of the acquittal of former U.S. President Donald Trump, the Biden family woke up to a startling surprise in the White House early Sunday.

"It was just a lot of banging, y'know? In the pipes, like a big metal pole was smacking against some thin sheet metal. And I was just like 'come on, man', so I call my good friend, Joe the plumber, the uh, the White House plumber, to check out what the heck was going on," U.S. President Joe Biden said.

When *The Bucknellian* spoke with Joe the plumber, he revealed that he was actually the HVAC specialist. He tries not to correct Joe (President) out of fear of making the latter cry. Joe (HVAC repairman) later recounted his harrowing experience: "So there I was, squeezing myself through a 12-inch wide hole to get to the air ducts above the Presidential Residence. And as I was shimmying my hips through the ducts, I hear something weird. I think 'Doesn't this sound like Claudia Conway's TikTok page?', so I squeeze a little bit further and, wouldn't you know it, there he is! Barron!"

Barron Trump, the 14-year-old youngest child of the former *@realDonaldTrump*, was spotted hanging a metal pole against the duct to try and get

some help. His small suit was slightly tattered from the weeks he had spent in the heating system, with the derelict fireplace surrounded by fast food wrappers and empty Diet Cokes. When Joe (HVAC repairman) struck up a conversation with Barron, the child was relatively cool and collected.

"So he's finally gone? I don't have to keep telling dad that he won?" he said. Barron Trump added, "I knew it was only a matter of time before we left, especially when I heard him talk with that Georgia guy in January. Something about finding 11,780 votes. Weird. Weird number."

Barron Trump continued, "Dad told me, 'That's The Art of the Deal™', Barron.' And I told him, 'Excuse me, sir, but didn't you just engage in conspiracy to commit election fraud?', but by that time dad was already burying his lips down the neck of another Diet Coke."

The former President (at his official address at the Office of the Former President in Palm Beach, Fla.) could not be reached for comment. Barron Trump indicated to *The Bucknellian* that he plans on staying in the District of Columbia. "I have some friends that I can call," he said, "like my one friend from the soccer team. I heard he has a dad who doesn't build his life on fast food, Diet Coke, and white supremacy. I like that."

## Genius! Frat creates isolation pod with entire brotherhood

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So, it's week three of the Spring 2021 semester here at the University. Normally, you would see frat boys attending mixers on Friday nights, throwing Super Saturday parties, or even just spending just partaking in your typical college campus activities.

But not this year! It's Covid season, and no such events will be permitted.

Yet, despite Sigma Kappa Apple Pie's best efforts, they still managed to develop a spike of cases. Which meant that, because of contact tracing, the entire chapter would have to spend 10 days in isolation. TEN DAYS WITHOUT THE BROTHERS! The members of the frat were beside themselves. How were they supposed to survive that long without the things they love most: bros, beers, and booling? The president of Sigma Kappa Apple Pie scrambled to come up with an alternative idea. And then it came to him. Isolation in their house on St. Cathy.

After discussing it with the other brothers, the decision became final. The entire

chapter would just isolate in their decrepit and foul downtown house used strictly for parties. It was going to be a tight squeeze fitting all 115 brothers in, but they could make it work, right? Of course, a little cleaning had to be done beforehand, empty cups, beer cans, and pizza boxes were scattered across countertops, sludge (a mixture of beer, mud, and various bodily fluids) covered the floor, and there was not a piece of furniture in sight. It certainly was not the type of place that would pass a health inspection, but hey, the house was probably covered in COVID-19 germs before anyone even got there! However, they would have to make do, because anything was better than time apart from the boys.

St. Cathy quickly became a national COVID-19 hotspot as the other frats followed suit. While it may not have been the most sanitary of ideas on ways to circumvent isolation, one thing is for sure: they were not going to spread the virus because no frat member would want to leave a house full of their bros (and no one would want to enter either).



# Lessons in Resistance:

## Celebrating MLK a bit different in 2021





## BISON WOMEN'S SOCCER SEEK ANOTHER NCAA TOURNAMENT BID

Women's soccer gets each other excited during pre-game lineup announcement. Photo from Fall 2019 season. PHOTO BY JESSI SCHULTZ, PHOTOGRAPHER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MEN'S WATER POLO**  
V. NAVY ON FEB 20 AT 2PM  
AND 6PM  
V. GEORGE WASHINGTON  
ON FEB 21 AT 1PM AND 5PM  
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
V. LAFAYETTE ON FEB 20  
AT 2PM  
@ LAFAYETTE ON FEB 21  
AT 4PM  
**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
@ LAFAYETTE ON FEB 20  
AT 4PM  
V. LAFAYETTE ON FEB 21  
AT 6PM

Nick Sperduto  
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After losing five players to graduation, the Bison women's soccer team is returning plenty of depth to help carry the team through this season. It seems as though the Orange and Blue have the aspiration, excitement and talent to compete for the Patriot League title and make a bid for the NCAA tournament for the third time in six seasons.

Among those returning is Bri Kropinack '21, last season's team co-captain, who was one of three Bison to start all 18 games. She will look to head the attack along with

Jenna Marek '21, Third Team All Patriot-League honors in 2018, and Abby Gearhart '23. In addition, the Bison will receive a boost with the return of Claire Mensi '22, whose 2019 season was cut short due to injury. Mensi, who will serve as the Bison's co-captain, nearly earned the Patriot League Rookie of the Year honor in her first season.

"This season I'm most looking forward to just getting a chance to play," Mensi said. "I've missed most of my career games due to two back-to-back knee injuries, so I'm really excited for the chance to get back out on that field again."

Defensively, the Bison

should be strong once again. The core of Chloe Christakos '21, Holly Burns '22 and Leanne Engemann '23 all started in at least 16 of 18 games last season and logged significant minutes. In addition to the returning talent, this year's freshman class features defenders Lea Tarzy and Brooke Tracey, midfielders Kenar Gelman and Hannah Stuck, attacker Mary Santelli, and goalkeeper Jenna Hall.

"I'm really excited for what our freshman class has to offer," Mensi said. "They all can provide something unique to our team, and I think they are going to play

a big role for us this season."

Of course, this year has come with especially significant challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic. For most athletes, it is the constant state of the unknown that is so difficult. One minute, you're practicing with all your teammates and the next, all athletic activities are postponed and you're placed in quarantine housing. With continuously changing practice schedules and uncertainty surrounding whether the season will even be played, the mental and physical effects are draining.

"There has been a lot of behind the scenes work for our team, and although

it has been extremely difficult, I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together. These next few weeks are bound to have some bumps in the road, but it's important that we stay focused on our goal of winning the Patriot League tournament. It's a group effort right now, and it's crucial that everyone plays their part," Mensi said.

This season should prove to be a unique one, but one that the Bison will be able to handle. The mix of returning veteran presence and new freshman talent should prove key for the Orange and Blue as they seek their first Patriot League title since 2017.

## Men's soccer are moments away from a season

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The Bison men's soccer team will be taking the field on Feb. 27 in a match against Navy. The game will be held in Annapolis, MD at the Naval Academy. The team had a great 2019 season with a record of 6-7-7. Unfortunately, this year men's soccer has lost seven key players to graduation in 2020 - Bernie Wright, Quinn Bredin, Patrick Mahoney, Nick King, Dany Teran, Daniel Hallowell and Emmett Witmer. With the struggles that 2020 has presented the team is excited to start their 2021 season.

Despite the departures, the Orange and Blue remain a strong team. Midfielder Matt Thorsheim '21 was selected to preseason All-Patriot League team for the third time in his career. In addition to Thorsheim, forward Patrick O'Hara '22 will look to contribute after a season in which he had 5 goals. Luke Smith '23 is also returning as the Bison's goalkeeper. Smith started 13 matches last season and made many impressive saves for the Bison.

Men's soccer is also excited to finally experience a season with their new teammates as they gain 10 new

skilled players: David Adegborioye, Braeden Glass, MJ Kucura, Marco La Schiazza, Jordan Miller, Collin Murphy, Samir Nouri, Tyler Okin, Matthew Owusu and Sebastian Paz.

"I am both excited and grateful that our team will have the opportunity to play this season. We have worked extremely hard and shown considerable perseverance in the face of a once in a lifetime situation. We feel confident that we can bring home a Patriot League championship this season and look forward to getting started at Navy on the 27th," Cody Wax '21 said.

O'Hara echoed Wax's excitement for returning to the field. "We are all very excited to be back on the field. It has been a long time since we were able to compete so we're really looking forward to it. The most challenging aspect has been maintaining focus and motivation when we have nothing to prepare for so the upcoming season has given us a tangible goal which I think is really important for us," O'Hara said.

The Bison have eight tentative games planned for their 2021 season. Their competition will consist of Lafayette, Loyola, Lehigh, American and Colgate.

## Bison men's lacrosse look to pick up where they left off

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The Bison men's lacrosse team will look to pick up the heat right where they left it just before conference play, coming off a 5-1 shortened 2020 season.

This year, the Patriot League is split into two divisions, the north and south. The Bison will play in the South Division along with Loyola, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy. The top teams in both divisions will play for the Patriot League Championship. The Bison are projected to be sixth in the Patriot League, but will look to outperform that preseason ranking. The Blue and Orange received votes to be placed in the US Lacrosse Top 20 rankings posted on Feb. 8.

Even after losing top point producer Will Yorke '20 on attack, the Bison returns the next top three threats on offense, starting with Alston Tarry '22, a junior who had 26 points (12 goals, 14 assists) in the 2020 campaign. Joining Tarry includes Tommy Sopko '21, with 21 points (16 goals, 5 assists) and Harry Wellford '23, with 12 points in 2020 (10 goals, 2 assists). Tarry,

Sopko and Wellford all started the first 6 games of 2020. Wellford was listed as a Pre-season All Patriot League member, as well as an USILA Preseason All American "Honorable Mention" for the upcoming 2021 season.

The Bison's back line returns defender Travis Talarico '22, who finished with 15 caused turnovers and 23 ground balls in his sophomore season. Talarico was named an Inside Lacrosse Preseason All American "Honorable Mention", and an USILA Preseason All American "Honorable Mention." Behind Talarico, goalie Ben Clark '21 mans the net for the 2021 season, after starting all six games in 2020, with a 9.37 goals against average and a .538 save percentage. He made 63 saves and reached the double digits in stops three times.

"We are excited to build off what we did in the few games we played last year. We return a lot of key guys and have some good additions in the freshman class as well as transfers. We've had some hiccups in the fall but whenever we step on the field we look good and we get better every day," Tarry said. "We are excited to tack-

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The Bison women's lacrosse team is excited to begin its 2021 season this spring with plenty of returning experience combined with plenty of young talent. The season is scheduled to kick off on Feb. 27 against La Salle.

Last season, the Bison went 3-5 before the season had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. Before the season was cut short the Bison posted impressive wins against Sacred Heart, Binghamton and Campbell.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still playing a role in the Patriot League, as the team's first game against Kent State had to be cancelled due to coronavirus concerns. However, the team is excited to start the season soon once they get the go ahead from the Patriot League and the University.

Head coach Jackie Dando and new assistant coach Kirkland Lewis are both excited to bring new energy and new intensity to the team. Dando is in her second year with the program and is excited to continue to build what she started last season. Before joining the Bison, Dando posted an impressive record as the head coach of Lebanon Valley, where she

won over 60 percent of her games. Joining Dando's staff is new assistant coach Kirkland Lewis, who joined the coaching staff in November of 2020. Coach Lewis will coach the Bison's defense and head recruiting for the Bison. Before Bison, Lewis was the head coach of Whitman college, and is excited to bring her leadership abilities to Lewisburg and the 2021 Bucknell Bison.

One of the most important returning Bison players is senior Kali Peeples. An attack specialist, Peeples has played a crucial role in the Bison's offensive attack since she was a sophomore. A two year captain, Peeples had seven goals and two assists in the Bison's eight games in 2020 including an impressive hat trick against Hofstra. "We are excited and fortunate to have a season this spring and have been working hard for over a year now. With a lot of great talent across all grades that works well together I am excited to see how all our hard work comes together on the field," Peeples said.

Other important returning players for the Bison include Abby Neff '22 from Maryland, who will play an important role on the Bison's defense. Neff led all Bison in ground balls and



# BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

## Women's College Basketball Teams Set Their Sights on San Antonio

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As we approach the final weeks of the women's college basketball season, let us reflect on the journeys these teams have taken to get to this point. With great anticipation and thrilling matchups, the Big East squad, ACC, SEC, PAC-12 and Big 12 teams all have their eyes set on making the Final Four in San Antonio. Despite receiving less publicity than their male counterparts, the women's teams are facing a tough and exciting battle to cap off a unique, strange season.

In their first season in the Big East conference, the Huskies of the University of Connecticut (UConn) are ranked at number one after beating the Georgetown Hoyas 66-40. As new members of the storied conference, the matchup between UConn and DePaul University on Feb. 1 was the first-ever women's college basketball game to air on Fox Sports, a historic landmark for the sport.

The Huskies have had an exceptional season. Earlier in the season, they defeated University of Tennessee-Knoxville Lady Vols, 67-61, granting coach Geno Auriemma 1,100 wins faster than any other college coach. This accomplishment was previously held by his former rival coach and great friend, Pat Summitt, the head coach at Tennessee from 1974-2012. Pat brought awareness to women's basketball and raised the level of excellence in Knoxville, won eight NCAA titles and was a seven-time national coach of the year. Knoxville renamed their basketball court Pat Summitt Court to honor her accomplishments. Achieving this milestone on the Pat Summitt Court was extraordinary for Geno and his Huskies, commemorating the relationship between two coaches and representing a more significant rivalry than the game itself.

But UConn still faces a number of obstacles to the championship,

not the least of which are the South Carolina Gamecocks, the second ranked team playing in the Southeastern Conference. The Gamecocks lost to UConn when the former were ranked as number one, with the Huskies in the second-place slot. The overtime three-point shot by Paige Bueckers, named Big East Player and Freshman of the week, brought UConn the win.

South Carolina is led by junior guard Destanni Henderson. The Fort Myers native played a crucial role in the 2020 squad that was the first in program history to finish number one in the AP and USA Today coach's poll. Underclassmen for the Gamecocks also play a crucial role for the 2021 squad; underclassmen Zia Cooke, Aliyah Boston and Victoria Saxton all contributed to SC's most recent victory over LSU. The Gamecocks fell short to the NC State Wolfpack on Dec. 3, a game in which coach Dawn Staley said her team looked like "they were playing pick-up basketball." Regardless, her team bounced back to win the next 12 games. The talent and experience of this Gamecock squad will only lead to greatness in this year's March Madness.

Staley brings the same grit and competitiveness from her days as a player to the other side of the court as a coach. As an alumna of the University of Virginia, Staley was named Sports Illustrated Player of the Year in 1991, a two-time Naismith Trophy winner (given to the top men's and women's college basketball player), and two-time ACC player of the year. Her 20 seasons in Columbia include five SEC regular-season championships, four-time SEC coach of the year and an NCAA National Championship in 2017.

The Louisville Cardinals finish the week off in the third spot with a 19-1 record. The squad leverages veteran experience to navigate them through this strange season. The team's matchup versus the Syracuse Orange has been

postponed due to a mandatory COVID-19 pause. The Cardinals also lost to NC State by a six-point deficit, causing them to drop from number one. This season's most essential player is lone senior Dana Evans. The Gary, Indiana native has been the common denominator to the Cardinals' success for the last four years. A senior-class award nominee and two-time ACC player of the year, Evans has truly done it all. To put an exclamation mark on her undergraduate career, Evans scored 25 points on her senior night to defeat Georgia Tech on Feb. 11. Even though this squad has had to pause and postpone twice due to COVID, the Cardinals are ready to wreak havoc on more teams.

The Stanford Cardinals play in richly talented PAC-12. Tara VanDerveer, in her 41st season at the helm, has brought her squad to a number six ranking. Wins against number 10 UCLA and number six Arizona have tested this team's grit and resilience on the road. This Cardinal has also been victorious against number 11 Oregon, first in Maples Pavilion and possibly Monday in Eugene. VanDerveer also passed her former friend and rival Pat Summitt, as she became the all-time winningest coach in women's college basketball history. One of Tara's steady leaders for this year's team is Anna Wilson, a fifth-year senior from Seattle. The younger sister to Russell Wilson has made a lasting impression during her time as a Stanford women's basketball player. With consistency and experience, Wilson has been a critical contributor to this year's squad. The Cardinal have just four matches left before the PAC-12 tournament begins in Las Vegas.

All of these teams have shown they have the skill and heart to compete on the biggest stages. Now it is just a matter of keeping up their stellar play as March Madness approaches in order to book their spot in San Antonio.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## ZACH HARTMAN '21 MEN'S WRESTLING

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Zach Hartman '22 has been a standout athlete and leader for the Bison since stepping foot in Lewisburg as a freshman. In only his third year, Hartman has been named team co-captain of the Bison wrestling team twice, during his sophomore and junior seasons. Hartman is a two-time NCAA qualifier (2019 & 2020), a two-time EIWA placewinner, and he has tallied nine wins over nationally ranked opponents in his career thus far.

To add to his successes, this week Hartman was ranked seventh in the 165-pound weight class in the first NCAA Coaches' Panel Ranking. These rankings are used in the selection process to determine qualifiers for the 2021 NCAA DI Wrestling Championships at the end of this season. This is the second time that Hartman has been included in the Coaches' Panel Rankings.

Hartman enjoyed a strong campaign with the Orange and Blue during his sophomore season. He earned NWCA Honorable Mention All-American, and became the second Bison to finish as an EIWA runner-up two times. Hartman earned the 16th seed in the NCAA Championships, and was 27-8 overall and 13-1 in dual competition for the season.

Hartman is already off to an exceptional start in his junior season, and is 7-0 so far for the Orange and Blue.

Hartman has notched two pins and one technical fall. In addition to his recognition with the NCAA Coaches Panel, Hartman has also been ranked top 10 nationally by InterMat and FloWrestling.

Hartman is humbled to have been named captain twice for the Bison, and credits his teammates for challenging him to be the leader and athlete that he is today.

"I have dedicated an extensive amount of time to working on my skills as a leader and really doing my part in orienting the guys in the best direction for their goals, and it has helped me out tremendously with figuring out myself. I know what needs to be worked on, and what I need to do in order to succeed at this level," Hartman said.

Like many teams on campus, Bison wrestling has faced a lot of adversity competing during the pandemic. As a leader, Hartman has been instrumental in guiding his teammates through these difficult times, and helping them to compete to the best of their ability.

"We've been controlling all of the controllables as a team and really have given ourselves the best chance to make our impact this season. Not only the workouts, but life outside the wrestling room has been in check for us all as well. We really have created a bubble that gives our guys the best chance to do what we do best," Hartman said.

The Bison are hoping

to get back to competition soon, and Hartman is very confident that his teammates will be ready when the time comes. He's had a strong hand in building a team culture able to withstand the ups and downs of this season.

"As a team, we have had our faults in the past, but we continue to learn and prepare to win the war over the battle. I have full faith in my guys and am excited to see how we roll tide at EIWA's. Again, we're in for the war at the end of the day. I would go into the trenches with any one of these guys and have full faith in them having my back and me having theirs. We will be riding full throttle for EIWA's and nationals," Hartman said.

### CAREER STATS

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**9 WINS OVER NA-**  
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**OPPONENTS**  
**2 TIME NCAA**  
**QUALIFIER**  
**NWCA HONORABLE**  
**MENTION ALL-**  
**AMERICAN**

## MEN'S LACROSSE

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le this year and how weird it is going to be and we are really excited to get on the field and show what we can do."

The Bison will try to

pick up right where they left off for the 2021 season. They will host the Colonials of Robert Morris on Saturday, Feb. 20 at Christy Mathew-

son Memorial Stadium here in Lewisburg. Their first Patriot League matchup will be against Colgate the following week, in Hamilton, N.Y.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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caused turnovers last season and is hoping to build off that success this season. Junior Laurel McKale is poised to play an important role on the Bison's offense this season. And to round out the Bison's

offense will be senior Eve Calabria, who started all eight games for the Bison last season. She also led the Bison in goals and assists before the season was cancelled. Calabria is hoping to keep that

impressive offensive output for the 2021 season.

The Bison play their first game Feb. 27 against La Salle, but Patriot League competition is set to kick off March 7 in Annapolis, Md. against Navy.

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## Musk's future: Buying a Tesla with Bitcoin



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Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and the all-renewable automobile brand Tesla, invested \$1.5 billion — 15 percent of Tesla's cash reserves — into Bitcoin, and has subsequently heavily promoted use and purchase of the cryptocurrency on social media and elsewhere. This news raised major controversy around the CEO's unprecedented move into the cryptocurrency market, while Musk has developed a reputation for brazenness and trenchancy, the investment may be also indicative of the thinking that made him one of the most influential men today and why, to many, he is seen as a true visionary. Bitcoin, a cryptocurrency independent of any institutional financial or sovereign backing, has become an increasingly popular investment for veteran investors and day traders alike, despite its inherent instability of value. So, why did Elon Musk look to invest in a currency that fluctuates so wildly and offers no guarantee of protection from collapse? Tesla reported on their SEC filings they invested because Bitcoin offered "more flexibility to further diversify and maximize returns on our cash." Seeking to distance themselves from the Federal

Reserve's low interest rates, Tesla certainly aims to gain exposure to an investment that will grant the company more purchasing power. Most importantly, it will grant them liquidity for when the company begins to accept Bitcoin as a form of payment for their automobiles — a move Tesla formally announced contemporaneous with their initial investment. Musk's entrepreneurial and innovative spirit is pushing the company to accept Bitcoin as a means to make their cars more accessible and easier to purchase.

Nonetheless, the decision and investment was still met with heavy criticism. Marketed as a green brand, Tesla's pivot furrowed many eyebrows in the environmentalist community by announcing they would be accepting Bitcoin. The cryptocurrency operates by incentivizing users to authenticate transactions for free Bitcoins, known as "Bitcoin mining." However, this authentication process uses up a substantial amount of energy — a recent analysis by Cambridge University suggests that global "mining" efforts use up more electric energy than the entire nation of Argentina — and has detrimental effects on the environment. Shareholders and customers alike are taking this as a deep betrayal of the brand image which made Tesla unique:

an answer to climate change and the wasteful gas automobile. It did not help that, after the Bitcoin announcement, Musk additionally reported that Tesla will no longer be matching 401k retirement contributions. This announcement caps previous backlash against Tesla for its treatment of employees, with some questioning if the release of this cut at the same time of the investment was to save face or distract from Tesla's growing contradictions as a company.

Tesla's investment has already been matched with a two percent growth in its shares. After releasing a number of tweets promoting Bitcoin, Musk's account has been flagged by the SEC for market tampering. The CEO was previously charged with fraud in 2018 by the SEC for attempting to sell Tesla stocks at \$420 per share. Nevertheless, many investors are pushing Bitcoin at a strong buy as the hype over its many unique features continues. Other Fortune 500 CEOs are expected to follow suit, creating a spiral of increased expectations that could lead to an uncertain future. Bitcoin enthusiasts suspect this will result in a domino-effect of investments, as well as make Bitcoin a more commonly accepted form of payment — one so commonly used that you could buy a Tesla with it.

## Impeachment, obstruction, and a terrible, horrible, no-good, very bad party

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### End the filibuster

After spending considerable time browsing social media and indulging in shared and justified outrage with my peers after the acquittal of a former President Who I Refuse To Name, I began to wonder if there was any real point in watching the proceedings, aside from a pervasive masochism that's been driving our approach to the blinding political cruelty and cynicism that has become ever more evident in the last five years. I challenge you, rare <em>Bucknellian</em> reader, to find someone who actually believed there was ever a chance that the Big Bad Cheese-Man would ever actually be convicted in the Senate. Frankly, it is a miracle that seven whole Republicans voted to convict, granting many salivating media outlets the much-awaited opportunity to shower them with praise for manifesting a single shred of decency, or at least shame. This coverage temporarily allowed us to forget moments like when Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) voted to confirm Brett "The Ferret" Kavanaugh, and International Man of Mystery Mitt Romney (R-UT) similarly confirmed Amy "Unqualified" Coney Barrett. Don't praise people for having this miniscule level of integrity; it's what we should expect and demand in the first place, particularly from elected representatives of our interests. To the seven Republicans who voted to convict: congratulations! Your spine looks slightly more material than Lindsey Graham's. Good job, I guess?

It was, somehow, the most bipartisan impeachment vote in the history of the United States, which should make it ever more clear that this is less of a great national shame and more of a great national regularity. Akin to other famous and storied traditions of injustice, this trial was rigged from the start. I presume the Republican Senators preemptively prayed for some act of God — or Ronald Reagan — to save the resignation-riddled defense team from their well deserved fate of international embarrassment, but ultimately, their prayers fell on deaf ears. Shall Not Be

Named's pitiful defense was about as flaky as a McDonald's Filet-o-Fish, although, to be completely fair, it's not as if they really had to try. Their case had neither credibility nor precedent, instead showcasing all the trappings of an episode of Dr. Oz ("Take this miracle pill, it'll make you forget the coup faster than you can say 'I'm a spineless moron!'"). Fear of losing a primary battle is not a legitimate justification for licking the boots of the man who tried to have you murdered, but I would expect nothing less from an invertebrate like Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), who gleefully ran into the former President's loving, sweaty arms even after he called Cruz's wife ugly.

Republicans in the Senate are largely uninterested in bipartisanship. They are equally bored with flighty concepts like objectivity and honor. Countless studies have found that political polarization has been unequal, with the right going much farther right on the spectrum and the left trudging more reluctantly left. While the left's policy perspectives (as flawed as they are) have remained mostly stable, the right's have grown increasingly radical and contradictory, all while accusing the left of doing that very thing.

For example, most Republicans in Congress are unwilling to budge on the minimum wage, even though this parameter used to generally increase every five or so years (before financial genius Ronald "I am very very bad at economics" Reagan showed up). Previously, this idea was so universal that the two parties didn't even debate it, but the obstructionist mentality adopted by the modern Republican party has scandalized the mere suggestion that people shouldn't starve while living in the richest country in the history of the world. Through clever political messaging and disingenuous rhetoric, we have somehow become convinced that what is logical is absurd and what is absurd is logical.

And yet, even though Democrats have the majority, early signs of the new political paradigm have been less-than-promising. Senate Majority Leader Chuck "I suck" Schumer agreed to a power-sharing compromise with Senate Minority Leader Mitch "grim reaper" McConnell, backing down on calling additional witnesses dur-

ing the impeachment trial as well. However, Democrats have a real opportunity in these next two years to actually do something. The reality is that the Democratic policy platform, pound for pound, is more popular than the Republican policy platform. Absurd dogmatic austerity politics can only appeal for so long; the Affordable Care Act was "socialism" only until people started to get coverage from it, and now a clear majority (52 percent and growing) of Americans support its continued funding. The only way that Democrats can keep the Senate in 2022 is through such aggressive promotion of bread-and-butter policies: no one's going to vote for the people who don't want to raise the minimum wage after they feel that sweet, sweet \$15 per hour go into their pockets. No one will want to vote for people who rail against healthcare in this country after they go to the doctor and see, perhaps for the first time in their lives, zero deductible. The xenophobic, demagogue-like rhetoric coming from the modern Republican party can be beaten, but only by policy; it has been ineffectual, cowardly leadership that loses Democrats elections, not policies or rhetoric that is "too radical." It's not about unity, it's about progress, and unity will come once we get into a place where we can better agree on the fundamental issues facing us, and what policies we'll use to confront them.

The man who said in 2010 that "our top political priority over the next two years should be to deny President Obama a second term," grinning like a kid who peed in the swimming pool, cannot be trusted with a power as unequivocal as the filibuster. Mitch McConnell is not interested in solving problems; he barely even acknowledges that they exist, and it is thereby imperative that we remove the debilitating powers of the obstructionist right. Republicans have proved, once again and hopefully for the last time, that they are just simply not interested in working on behalf of anyone besides themselves, and, of course, the corporations that fund their Washingtonian power trips. The urgent issues facing this country cannot be put off any longer. If they will not be coaxed into the future, they must be dragged.

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## Chris Harrison's final rose?



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After many years of hosting the ABC hit series "The Bachelor," as well as its many spinoffs, Chris Harrison has stepped down due to a number of racist statements that have come to light in the past week. The controversy began when Rachel Kirkconnell, a frontrunner in this season's "The Bachelor," was reportedly photographed at a Southern-plantation-themed frat formal back in 2018, nearly three years later, as bachelor Matt James's interest in her increased on the show, the picture was released and the show's fanbase was in uproar. Mistakenly, Harrison decided it his place to advocate for Kirkconnell. Consequently, the long-time host has decided to step down for some time as a direct result of his remarks. Will Harrison be forgiven and welcomed back to the cast? Celebrities often make mistakes concerning race and politics; sometimes they are forgiven, but in other instances, the "cancel culture" particular to the modern media ecosystem ends their careers. Bachelor Nation fans have the final word here, and most would probably say this was not the time or place for Harrison to

speak on Kirkconnell's behalf.

Over the years, the Bachelor has been critiqued by detractors for its inadvertent racism, embodied most soundly in the racial homogeneity of its contestants — each of its 25 seasons has featured a nearly all-white cast. However, after 29-year old former football star Matt James took up the mantle of Bachelor this season, many fans expressed excitement about James's status as the first Black Bachelor.

Earlier milestones for the media franchise include Rachel Lindsay, the first Black female lead, who appeared in season 13 of "The Bachelorette." Now, she co-hosts a Bachelor branded podcast, which emphasizes and tries to correct the show's race problems, in addition to her own podcast called "Higher Learning." The franchise's implicit racism has ultimately prompted her to cut ties with the ABC show after her contract expired. Lindsay states that she is happy to have found love on the show, but she "wanted to be representative as a Black woman to this audience" and "pave the way for more people to have this opportunity." It's apparent that, as a black woman who has experienced the competition "The Bachelor," there must be something wrong

with the system for her to cut ties from the network on those grounds.

Last week, Harrison joined Lindsay on her podcast, where they discussed the details of the accusations brought against Kirkconnell. Harrison challenged Lindsay by suggesting that the party Kirkconnell attended in 2018 was socially acceptable at the time and in 2021 it is now "not a good look." He also mentioned the idea of the "woke police," used against the Black Lives Matter movement earlier this year.

By pleading his case that Kirkconnell was doing nothing wrong by attending that party and dressing up for the occasion, Harrison dug himself into a deep hole from which it will be difficult to extricate. As most public figures who create controversy do, Harrison has released public statements apologizing and promising that he will do all he can to inform himself on current racial issues.

In the meantime, the Bachelor Nation will just have to wait and see what happens with Harrison's role on the show; for now, he has upset many people and must be held accountable for his words. The only thing we are left to wonder now is if Harrison has officially given out his final rose.

## The PA GOP is attempting to end judicial independence

Zach Murphy  
Staff Writer

Republican lawmakers recently introduced a bill in the Pennsylvania General Assembly (House Bill 38) that would amend the state constitution to establish "judicial districts" for the Commonwealth, Superior and Supreme Courts, the three highest courts in the state. Under the current system, Pennsylvania residents elect these judges at a statewide level, i.e. regardless of where either the judge or citizen physically resides in the state. The Republican argument is based on the notion that the judiciary must better represent the geographical diversity of the state. However, this argument is misleading, and is a shameless attempt to curb democracy to favor the Republican Party's power in the judiciary.

The argument in favor of H.B. 38 implies that state laws change by location; in other words, it effectively claims that state Supreme Court justices would need to reflect geographic diversity, akin to stating Philadelphia, Union, Somerset and Allegheny counties all follow different legal systems and codes at the state level. While local laws do exist, this situation does not concern local laws — it has implications for statewide legal decisions that will affect every citizen, regardless

of residency. Creating "judicial districts" as the bill prescribes will give low-population, Republican-leaning counties more legislative power over populous, concentrated, Democratic-leaning ones. Interestingly, the bill itself states that "Unless absolutely necessary, no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward may be divided informing a judicial district." This means that, unlike political districts, county borders will be respected in the formation of these districts.

The problem with this line of reasoning is it transgresses on the basic principle of the equality of the vote at the state level. The total approximate combined population of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Allegheny counties is 5.2 million people; these counties all lean liberal and Democratic, and represent a significant reason why Pennsylvania is considered a battleground state in national elections. If the seven proposed districts are implemented, roughly 40 percent of our state's population, residing in these few counties, will have a fairly minuscule say in the composition of the state's judiciary. Even if the Republicans were to divide the state the proposed districts equally, each justice would be tasked with representing around 1.8 million people and, if county borders are respected, these six counties

would have the voting power to pick 2.8 justices. Instead of "districting," let's call this what it is — gerrymandering.

The fallout from H.B. 38, if implemented, would be disastrous for Pennsylvania residents. High-population areas such as the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh will be limited to selecting a disproportionately low number of judges when compared with their rural, low-density counterparts. This would also mean that the judges would have to appeal to the specific politics of a district rather than the whole state, giving rise to the possibility of judges running on more explicitly political platforms. This would betray the essential feature of judicial practice, its ostensibly non-partisan nature. Judges are supposed to uphold the law and constitution, not interpret it according to the political persuasions of a given region. An increasingly politicized judiciary has long been a problem in the United States, and is not limited to the Republican party. It's time our lawmakers learn that the courts are not another battleground for political skirmishes and policy debate. If either party wants their politics to reign supreme, then they must gain voters and win elections, not shamelessly limit democracy by hijacking the courts.

## Vaccine access for me, but not for thee

Haley Beardsley  
Contributing Writer

U.S. President Joe Biden announced last Thursday that his administration had finalized the purchase of 200 million COVID-19 vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer, granting the United States the capacity to vaccinate every adult citizen. On the same day, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the president's chief medical adviser, reported that it would be "open season" for the vaccine in April. Moreover, he stated that all Americans — of all ages and health conditions — will be able to receive the vaccine by April.

While the optimism is enticing, I've reached a point of disbelief and despair that even 200 million doses of vaccine couldn't heal Americans have weathered countless promises of a "return to normal" since the onset of the pandemic last March — Easter, Halloween and New Year's Eve were each posed as end-dates to this seemingly endless natural disaster. The most recent hope has been a little more sobering — "by the end of 2021" — but it's still hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel when 658 Pennsylvanians were claimed by COVID-19 just this week.

Still more worrying, 31 percent of citizens are hesitant to receive the vaccine and 13 percent outright refuse to accept it, if offered. However, perhaps the most disheartening aspect of the Biden administration's recent purchase is its depressing implications for the Global South. COVID-19 struck a world already plagued by inequality — where the richest one percent of people have twice as much

wealth as nearly 6.9 billion others. In fact, according to Oxfam International, "[t]he coronavirus pandemic has the potential to lead to an increase in inequality in almost every country at once, the first time this has happened since records began."

Unsurprisingly, Israel, the United Kingdom, United States, Spain, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Canada, France and Netherlands — all members of the so-called "Global North" — have administered the highest amount of vaccines per 100 people, with most of the non-Western world lagging well behind. While the United States sits at 16.6 vaccinations per 100 people, India struggles at a mere 0.7. In addition to the pressing weights of race, gender and wealth inequalities, the world is now faced with immunity inequality — the wealthiest maintain premier access to vaccinations and medications while the rest of the world suffers.

Yet Biden can limit the perpetuation of immunity inequality that is going to cripple these nations for decades to come. In October 2020, the Trump administration blocked a proposal by India and South Africa to the World Trade Organization (WTO), entreating it to suspend its enforcement protocols on key intellectual property regarding COVID-19. If accepted, the proposal would allow the WTO to issue a general waiver on all patents and other intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccinations and medical technologies. The production of a cheap, generic vaccine could spread and be reproduced natively throughout the Global South. Such a dire situation should drastically shift the global perspective and send a clear message that the vaccine is a global common good, rather

than a commodity only available to the rich, developed nations of the world.

Nearly 100 countries have signed onto the proposition, but the majority of the Global North has abstained from or openly opposed the proposal; however, discussion will almost certainly arise at the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) meeting in mid-March of this year. Meanwhile, Biden has the ability to share the United States' enormous stash of supplies at any moment. Our actions in the near future could serve as the catalyst for the rest of the Global North, and quite possibly lead to equitable, global vaccine access.

The leaders of wealthy countries face a decision: continue to pad the bulging pockets of pharmaceutical companies, or relinquish nationalistic vaccine profiteering and aid the world's most vulnerable people in the Global South.

In a July 2020 conversation with Ady Barkan, a healthcare activist, Biden was asked if he would commit to sharing technology if the United States found the vaccine first, to which he responded, "Absolutely, positively. This is the only humane thing in the world to do." Yet, here we are, hundreds of millions of vaccines claimed already, ensuring that the Global South must wait months or years before beginning their path towards immunity.

So while Biden is purchasing 200 million vaccines and promising that all American adults will be vaccinated by the end of 2021, South Africa is faced with new variants of the virus and the Third World continues to struggle. We all must be optimistic about the future of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we also must take the vaccine for what it is: another instance of United States magnifying global inequality.

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# Ask us what we think

students share their perspectives and opinions on the Covid situation on campus

**Phoebe Winkler**  
Freshman

"As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise at Bucknell, the campus community feels increasingly concerned. I am not alone in feeling this way. Many students and faculty members are worried about the health of the campus community and the future of the university. I think it's important to have open conversations about these concerns and to work together to find solutions. I think it's also important to remember that we are all in this together and that we can overcome this challenge together."

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"The current state of COVID-19 on campus seriously concerns me. We have to really think about this situation and what we did last semester, and we don't seem to be heading in the right direction. While it might have been worse for the administration to have stayed the course with all classes fully online until we got a better idea of what the future of campus would be like, I do not blame the administration for the current situation. I think it's mostly students' fault. I know people are gathering in large groups and parties. I know of people who told friends they were doing 'no-name' parties. The situation has really just turned a huge disappointment. I think of people who are living on campus but get tested every day for the virus, or who are getting tested every day by public health. I think it's so important that people do these things, and I have no doubt for it. It's a shame that in my first semester, I have to be so careful about the virus. I think it's important to have open conversations about these concerns and to work together to find solutions. I think it's also important to remember that we are all in this together and that we can overcome this challenge together."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW COLLINGS Audra Wilson '94 announced as 2021 commencement speaker.

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DE-STRESS TO BE YOUR BEST!

Jess Kaplan  
Print Managing Co-Editor

Audra Wilson '94, president and chief executive officer of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, will return to Lewisburg this May to speak at the Class of 2021's commencement ceremony, a University statement revealed on Monday, Feb. 22.

As an undergraduate, Wilson studied International Relations and Spanish at the

University before pursuing a JD from Valparaiso University School of Law. Wilson credits her time at the University as foundational to her later activist work. "I was inspired to learn how to speak out and be a more active citizen," she said in an interview with the University. "Making sure every individual feels empowered to do that — that's what my work is all about."

Wilson began her career as a staff attorney at

the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, an organization that combats racial and economic injustices in Illinois through litigation and policy shaping. Her work drew the attention of then-senator Barack Obama, who asked her to serve as the press and policy director for his U.S. Senate campaign in 2004.

After the Senate race, Wilson returned to her roots in public advocacy as Director of Diversity Education

and Outreach and Adjunct Professor at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. While at Northwestern, she co-founded the first consortium of diverse law school professionals in Chicago. In 2013, Wilson accepted a position as Deputy Chief of Staff for United States Congresswoman Robin Kelly, combining her passion for politics and public service. Wilson also served

as Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, where she advanced research-based policy solutions to advance voting rights. In May 2020, Wilson was named the president and CEO of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law.

Wilson was chosen as this year's speaker by members of the graduating class. Senior class president Kip Hallagan '21 chose Wilson

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## Black artists on display at the MakerSpace

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Various organizations have been working hard to promote diversity and inclusivity on the University's campus with a series of Black History Month events. One such event was the Black History Month Artist Showcase from Feb. 19-21, hosted by the Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace in collaboration with the Black Student Union.

The event showcased black artists such as Alma Woodsey Thomas, Lois Mailou Jones, Zelda Wynn Valdes, Kerry James Marshall, Gordon Parks, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Edmonia Lewis and Augusta Savage.

"Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace wanted to host a special weekend of events in honor of Black History Month... Given the inability to program indoors or large-

scale events, we wanted to provide students an opportunity to enjoy artwork in a safe and socially distanced environment," Assistant Director of Campus Activities & Programs Sabrina Shankar said.

Allure Cooper '23, a MakerSpace student employee and event planner, drew inspiration from her own research on Black artists and designers who have shaped the industry. "I had to do my own research to find the artists, and I picked them based on the stories that spoke to me. I also wanted a variety of art mediums so we could have sculptors, designers, photographers, etc.," Cooper said.

The artist showcase allowed students to walk around tables to learn about the various artists and their corresponding biographies at their leisure. In addition to

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## INVESTIGATIVE NEWS

### The current (and future) state of vaccine distribution at the University

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College campuses across the nation have been put on hold by the COVID-19 pandemic. Not only is the financial stability of the U.S. higher education system at risk, but so are the lives of students, faculty and staff — with or without pre-existing conditions. Given that prison inmates have been accorded priority by many states for receiving vaccinations because of their large population in contained quarters, questions have circulated about the relative priority of other large, fairly-sequestered communities like colleges and universities. Particularly given that students will be returning home with the possibility of carrying the virus and transmitting it through their home communities, it seems like this question deserves attention.

Thankfully, with Phase Two of the vaccination rollout schedule approaching, campus residents may be next in line for vaccination. Dr. Anthony Fauci has recently announced that the general public will be eligible for the vaccine between late May and early June, meaning that students could be home before vaccines become available.

It is not too audacious to

anticipate some sort of developed vaccination plan for the University in the near future; some universities have already taken the initiative to distribute vaccinations on their campuses. As reported by Inside Higher Ed, Auburn University recently had to suspend vaccinations after they exhausted their allotted supply. Auburn reports that the university had taken a "phased approach" to distribute vaccines according to the quantity available. The collegiate news website BestColleges notes that Northeastern University has also been participating in distributing vaccines according to CDC phases, and is currently in Phase One — vaccinating essential workers, the elderly, healthcare personnel, and the immunocompromised.

Other colleges are hoping to become vaccination centers as well. As reported in the Philadelphia Inquirer two weeks ago, Ursinus College has applied to administer the vaccine on its campus, an undertaking which would enable the university to providing staff and locations for administration. According to its official news organ, Penn State University is also applying to provide distribution of the vaccine — as well as purchasing vaccine freezer storage, vetting campus locations for storing and administering the

vaccine and preparing technology support for registration and management of the entire process. Can a small liberal arts college like the University consider taking such steps? Attempts by The Bucknellian to contact the administration have so far proved inconclusive, with no official comment made in response.

With an eye to the widespread, completely unsubstantiated suspicion about the vaccine's efficacy and potential adverse side effects, it remains a compelling question about if and how the University will immunize its campus against the coronavirus pandemic. Will it plan to vaccinate the student and faculty population and facilitate wider vaccine distribution through a cost-effective, convenient implementation process on campus?

Finally, questions remain about whether universities should (or legally could) make vaccinations a mandatory requirement for their student and faculty populations. Pew Research Center polls reveal that Americans ages 18-29 are the group least likely to opt for vaccination, in part because of the aforementioned misinformation. BestColleges reports that Harvard University is among the higher

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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Jaxon White  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

Mahamane Ousmane, Niger opposition leader, claimed on Wednesday that the Niger presidential election had massive instances of voter fraud and proceeded to declare his own victory. Since then, there have been violent demonstrations all over Niger territory.

Emma Coronel Aispuro, the wife of infamous drug kingpin "El Chapo", was arrested in Dulles International Airport on Monday. She is being charged with "conspiracy to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin, five kilograms or more of cocaine, 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana, and 500 grams or more of methamphetamines for unlawful importation into the U.S." according to the Justice Department.

## DOMESTIC

Tiger Woods lost control of his car on Tuesday morning, causing the vehicle to roll roughly 30 yards off the side of the road. The legendary golfer was rushed to the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries, but emergency surgery was conducted on his lower right leg. Questions surrounding whether he will be able to compete again remain unanswered.

After the brutal snow storm that swept across the southern United States, millions of people in the state of Texas were left without power for days. Most Texans have had their power returned to them, but now the question remains: how did this happen? The outage has caused multiple board directors of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to resign from their positions.

## English department hosts Evie Shockley events

Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

On Wednesday, Feb. 17 and Thursday, Feb. 18 the University hosted Dr. Evie Shockley for events through the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program, a national competition that the University's English department entered in. Shockley is a professor at Rutgers University and a renowned author of several collections of poetry. Shockley gave three separate speeches to students and faculty that were originally intended as in-person events, but were instead hosted on Zoom.

Shockley is the author of several collections of poetry, including "a half-red sea" (2006) and "the new black" (2011). She is also the author of "Rengade Poetics: Black Aesthetics and Formal Innovation in African American Poetry" (2011). Shockley's work, including poetry and essays, have also been featured in several anthologies.

The English Department organized the three events in collaboration with the University Humanities Center, the Stadler Center and the Grot Institute.

Assistant Professor of English Jeremy Chow was the point-person and organizer of

the events. "Professor Shockley is both a scholar of African American literature as well as an award-winning poet. Given that the English department at the University is constituted by Creative Writing, Film & Media Studies and Literary Studies, we felt that Shockley's areas of expertise reflect important intersections within our department. The three events we're hosting speak to these intersections. The Lit Studies program is also home to a Race & Literature Concentration, and Shockley's work speaks directly to that focus," Chow said.

Shockley's first event was geared towards English majors, titled "Finding Your Path Towards the English Major." This took place on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Shockley spoke about her own journey becoming a faculty member as well as what it means to be an academic and a poet. Shockley answered questions from current English majors about underrepresented students in academia and about the future of English studies, both at the University and in general.

About 30 individuals attended this event, including Christian Melgar '23. Melgar admired Shockley's circuitous path to her career. "I thought her journey going to college, then

law school, and then back to her doctorate in English was a unique journey. It is crazy to see how some know exactly what they want to do, and others do not. Both are okay," Melgar said. The second event Shockley held was a public event titled "Black Graphics: 'Colorblindness' & the Survival of Black Being." This was on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 4:30 p.m., with a total of 95 student and faculty attendees. Shockley began the event by sharing a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

During this event, Shockley focused on poetry by Natasha Trethewey and read three of her poems to guide the talk. The event ended with an audience Q&A.

Shockley's final event was held on Friday, Feb. 19 at 12 p.m. titled "Writers in Conversation." This event was public with over 80 participants. Assistant Professor of English Chet la Sebrée shared her own poetry alongside Shockley. Sebrée kicked off the event by reading poetry from her new book, "Field Study," for the first time. Sebrée read a poem titled

"An Elaborate Non-Yoga Pose in Which You Realize You Were Not Made For This World."

Following Sebrée, Shockley read from her book "semiautomatic." She read a poem titled, "a lyrical ballad (or, how America reminds us of the value of family)." Shockley touched on her connection and conversation with other writers, and in the case of this poem, William Wordsworth and his lyrical ballads. Shockley read a total of three poems, the last two titled "easy" and "goodlife," each named after songs from her childhood. Shockley said about these poems, "What I'm doing in both of those is not only re-underlining the connection between poetry and music which is ever-present, but also in these two poems that I picked in the series, I am throwing little tributes to poets that I deeply love."

Macie Ruda '22 attended the Writers in Conversation event and said, "I think the event allowed students to engage in conversation with poetry and ideas that they would not have otherwise. I will definitely take a look at more of Evie Shockley's poetry and I am glad to have gotten some additional information about what they mean to her."

## COMMENCEMENT

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because her exemplary character and numerous accomplishments exemplify the mission of the University. "As we strive for a more just world, we can look to the lives of Bucknellians who have already made strides. Ms. Wilson's vision for a better world is something we can all aspire to in our post-graduation lives."

University President John Bravman concurred, noting that Wilson's work epitomizes the goals of a liberal arts curriculum. "Her liberal arts education prepared her for an exceptional career devoted to lifting up those most in need

of help. As more Americans learn about everyday injustice and engage in conversations focused on reducing inequality, Audra is a bold and clear voice for meaningful change," Bravman said.

The University's 171st Commencement is scheduled for May 23, but is subject to change based on pandemic conditions. Nevertheless, in an email to the class of 2021 Bravman promised that "regardless of the form Commencement takes, we are committed to honoring your hard work and graduation from Bucknell in the very best way possible."

## VACCINES

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education institutions exploring whether they can legally require mandatory vaccinations

Stay tuned as The Bucknellian continues to monitor these issues

## TLC offers mid-term study tips

Ellie Lowe  
Staff Writer

With the fifth week of the semester fast approaching, students are beginning to think about midterms. Luckily, the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) is here and ready to help students prepare for midterms.

The TLC is an on-campus resource that students can use to get help with study tips, attend student-led study groups and book student tutoring sessions.

The TLC webpage has a series of videos and documents with studying and time management advice. When studying for midterms, the TLC suggests students should evaluate their progress this semester with the SQ3R approach, a five step process for reviewing and studying material for midterms. The S stands for Survey, which requires students to go over notes, homework and quizzes and try to identify the most important topics. The next step is Q, which stands for Question. Students should be writing down 3-8 questions for each day/section. These questions should be relevant and ones that the student does not know. The first R stands for Reading to find the answers to the questions that the student doesn't know. The next R is Recite. Here, students are encouraged to talk aloud, work through questions and explain the information to others. The last R is Review, where students review material with more than just their eyes. During this step, students practice questions and continuing to do so until they can answer all the questions without their notes.

The University's students are smart and hard working, but that doesn't mean they don't need to adapt and adjust to different content areas, teaching styles and testing formats," Laura Lanwermyer, the associate director of Student Learning Support, said.

If students are hesitant about studying by themselves, the TLC also offers many facilitated resources, including student-led study groups. There are study groups that range from STEM classes to language classes, and from beginner to intermediate in level. These groups, which are available to all students, meet for 90 minutes every week and generally have 8-12 students. These groups are led by a peer facilitator who has been trained by the TLC.

"We have a thorough training and professional development model for our staff based on the international standards of the College Reading and Learning Association," Lanwermyer said.

Hannah Grillo '21, who leads weekly study groups for BIO 121 and BIO 127, says that study group not only reinforces the course material, but also helps students grow as learners. When studying for midterms, Grillo advises students "to move past memorization, rather take time to apply material, relate it to other topics, and put the material together in your own way."

Peer tutoring is also an available resource. Peer tutoring is limited to mainly STEM courses but is still a resource that is available to all students. Students are allowed two 45 minute sessions a week where they can meet one-on-one with a trained peer tutor. In these sessions, students can work on specific concepts and questions they have.

"I would want to remind students to focus on what is most essential for their own health and work," Lanwermyer said.

Another resource available to students is the Counseling & Student Development Center. While this may not be an obvious stop on students' journey to mid-term success, it can be a helpful resource for those students who are struggling with more than just learning information.

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the tables featuring the artists' pieces, students could also pick a page from a coloring book to draw on their own. Each page featured a unique design created by commissioned artists. "As

for the coloring book, it's part of a care package plan by the Bucknell Concerned Student Coalition. Different artists of color were commissioned to create line work to make up the color-

ing pages," Cooper said.

"I loved seeing all of the amazing art and learning about black artists. It was a great COVID-19 safe event," attendee Sam Endlich '23 said.

## Black history at the University: a reflection

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Every University student is familiar with the sculpture that sits just outside of the Vaughn Literature Building. Erected in 2011, the bronze bust pays tribute to an important moment in the University's history — its first African-American graduate.

The University's Black history begins with the very man who adorns that corner of campus just next to the Malse-radi Quad. Edward McKnight Brawley graduated from the University in 1875, breaking down barriers for subsequent generations of Black students. After obtaining his degree, he went on to become a journalist and minister. Later in his career, he would co-found Morris College and become the President of Selma College, two historically Black Baptist Bible colleges in the South.

The University provided him with a foundation for his education and career at a time when few Black scholars were allowed to matriculate at a higher education institution. Most importantly, however, by creating a place for Black students at the University, Brawley paved the way for many other notable Black alumni who have made their own amazing contributions to the world since walking through the gates for their final time.

Bucknell Magazine's winter 2021 edition centered around the work of Nyambi Nyambi, a Black actor and graduate of the Class of 2001, whose work is known for addressing many polarizing issues that have bedeviled the public consciousness recently. A lesser known, but equally noteworthy, Black alumni is Gbenga Akinagbe. Attending the University on a wrestling scholarship, he studied political science and English before graduating in 2000. Akinagbe is now an actor. Some

of his prominent roles include Samuel Kingsley in the film adaptation of "The Sun Is Also A Star" and Chris Parlow on HBO's "The Wire," the latter often regarded as one of the greatest television shows of all time. He also originated the role of Tom Robinson in Aaron Sorkin's acclaimed adaptation of "To Kill a Mockingbird" on Broadway. Akinagbe received praise for his performance, which saw his previously more reserved character working to take control of his narrative and tell his own story.

Another exciting upcoming project in which Akinagbe appears is the film "Passing," based on the 1929 novel of the same name. Exploring the complexities of race and identity in both the past and present, the film received accolades at the Sundance Film Festival and will be released to the general public via Netflix later this year. Akinagbe has also published two articles in the New York Times, and recently began the project "Lewisburg," a prospective show inspired by his college years. The show has been picked up by NBC, and will follow his time at the University while exploring the inherent issues of race and class that students of color face at our university.

Equally deserving of praise are the members of faculty who work every day to advance the inclusion of and opportunities available to Black students on campus. The late Carmen Gillespie — a beloved professor, brilliant scholar and impassioned activist — worked tirelessly for many years to initiate programs and courses that supported the advancement and expansion of Black history and culture on campus. Most notably, in 2010, Gillespie founded the Grot Institute for the Study of Black Lives and Cultures, an organization centered around the study of Black arts, history and cultures. Operating out of Hildreth-Mirza Hall, the institute frequently

presents interviews, discussions, and lectures with notable Black intellectuals to the University.

Associate Professor of History and International Relations Cymone Fourshey, who took over as the acting director of the Grot Institute after Professor Gillespie's untimely passing in 2019, notes the importance of hosting these sorts of events every year. "We are here to tell our stories on this campus — to make known the intellectual and technological contributions of Black people and the importance of Black cultural aesthetics within America. We want to make sure that Black people's voices are directly represented every year and not forgotten, which can easily happen in a predominantly white institution."

A typical season at the Grot Institute consists of two parts: the fall, in which reading groups and discussions are hosted, and the spring, in which intellectuals, performers, and speakers are brought into campus to present to the student body. This year's series is called "Artists, Agitators, & Visionaries: Chronicling Our Stories." There are two more upcoming virtual lectures this semester. Coco Fusco, a celebrated artist and professor at Cooper Union, will present her talk "The Right to Have Rights: Cuban Artists Challenge the State" on March 3. Kia Corthron, a distinguished playwright and novelist, will speak on March 31. Any and all members of the University's community are encouraged to attend.

The inscription on Edward McKnight Brawley's bust displays a phrase he once wrote: "The future is, in large measure, in our own hands." The work done by the Grot and Black University students and alumni embodies this quote: they acknowledge the remarkable and regrettable aspects of our history, while working towards a brighter future.

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Last November, the Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho (KDR) fraternity was terminated from the University on grounds of hazing, after having been previously reinstated nine years ago. This suspension comes two months after a federal lawsuit by former student John Jean accused multiple defendants — including the University, the local and national chapters of KDR, and three students — of hazing, negligence, false imprisonment, assault, battery and emotional distress.

Both the University and the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho confirmed the chapter's termination to The Bucknellian University Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo noted that, "the chapter was found responsible for five violations of the Bucknell University Student Code of Conduct, including hazing as defined in the Bucknell Anti-Hazing Policy. Based on the nature of the violation, the University terminated the Chapter's recognition at Bucknell, effective immediately."

As required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the University's quarterly Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law Report states that KDR's recognition was terminated on Nov. 15 due to "underage provision / consumption of alcohol" and "consumption of an alcoholic liquid in a way 'which subjects the student to a risk of emotional or physical harm.'"

"Upon learning of a range of potential misconduct, we immediately began an investigation and suspended all KDR chapter operations and activities. Following an administrative hearing, including the opportunity for members of the chapter to respond to all allegations of misconduct, the University terminated the Chapter's recognition," Ferlazzo said.

Executive Director of the National Fraternity of KDR Joseph Rosenberg further explained of a review after the University's decision. "Our review was guided by a deep commitment to our values, among which is respect for all persons at all times. It is clear that the conduct of some members of our Iota chapter did not meet this standard," Rosenberg said. "After a thorough and fair review of the facts, including those discovered by university investigators, on Wednesday, January 27 the

National Fraternity revoked the charter and recognition of the Iota Chapter."

The Bucknellian reached out to students formerly involved in the fraternity, none spoke on the record for this article.

Kappa Delta Rho is the sixth Greek-letter organization to be suspended, either on a temporary or permanent basis, from the University in the past 10 years. Most recently, the Beta-Mu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) was suspended in 2019 following evidence that some of its members were "[e]ndur[ing] brutality of a physical nature," including, "use of dog shock collars on members; throwing darts at members; [and] slapping members." TKE is currently an "unrecognized organization" according to the University's website.

Nor is this the first time that both the University and a fraternity have appeared as defendants in a civil suit. In 1991, then-junior Greg Arrese sued the Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity, the University, and 14 other individuals with charges coded as "intentional acts of assault, libel, trade libel or slander." All charges were dismissed the next year, shortly before Arrese's graduation.

Even though plaintiff John Jean has left the University — he transferred to Boston University — litigation in Jean v. Bucknell University is still ongoing. In the lawsuit, KDR and the student defendants have argued that Jean must settle his claims out of court, citing the pledge agreement that he signed in September. The University has opposed settling out of court, and further argues that the suit be dismissed because "colleges and universities are not liable for the tortious or criminal actions of their students." The University also contests a claim of Jean's that Public Safety did not relay his complaint to law enforcement, emphasizing the fact that Public Safety officers are police officers under Pennsylvania law.

Jean's complaint, filed two months before KDR's termination, centers around the events of the night of Sept. 10-11, when he was a KDR pledge at the time. The complaint states that he experienced "[f]orced alcohol consumption," "[p]hysical assault and battery," and "[h]azing." It further alleges that outside the KDR fraternity house on Strohecker Farm Lane, he was "punched" in the face. The Public Safety

Daily Crime & Fire Safety Log for Sept. 11 shows an "[a]ssault" at 1:55 a.m. on the "Trax Hall Lawn."

Aaron Freiwald, lead counsel for Jean, told The Bucknellian that "It'd be strange for a university to say, 'Come send your students to our school, pay us a lot of money for tuition and housing. But, by the way, if something bad happens to you, we're not responsible for what happens.' It's absurd." Freiwald also added that he's arguing for the matter to be settled in-court because, "you have much fewer rights in [an out-of-court proceeding] than you do in a court proceeding."

Freiwald was also counsel for James Vivenzio, a former Penn State student who sued his university and the national and local chapters of Kappa Delta Rho in 2015, for several similar charges including hazing, battery, fraud and false imprisonment. Vivenzio's complaints were included in a 2017 236-page Centre County grand jury report, detailing hazing by various fraternities at Penn State. The report ultimately led to numerous changes at PSU, as well as the passage of the Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law, a Pennsylvania state law which mandates specific policies against hazing and quarterly public reporting of all hazing incidents.

The defendants named in the lawsuit either declined or did not return requests for comment on the pending litigation. President of the University's Interfraternity Council (IFC) Jack Coogan '22 did not respond to requests for comment from The Bucknellian.

IFC did not release a formal recruitment handbook prior to the fall 2020 rush season, breaking from tradition in previous years. Despite the fact that the Panhellenic Council — the governing body for sororities on campus — released a 20-page guide for fall 2020 recruitment, Ferlazzo explained IFC "did not submit the needed information for the brochure in time" this year. IFC's fall 2019 brochure contained details of rules on recruitment, pledge initiation and hazing.

The house which the fraternity formerly occupied on Strohecker Farm Lane has since been repurposed as general University housing. Rosenberg added that "[a]ll of the remaining [KDR] Brothers were moved [sic] to Alumni status."



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## Culture: Lewisburg passes ordinance to amplify train horn inside dorms

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LEWISBURG — At a city hall meeting this Thursday, the Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce announced that, owing to lower ticket sales at the Buggy Museum in Millinburg and slim attendance at community tractor pulls, the city would start amplifying the Lewisburg train horn through a network of loudspeakers, train modifications and a strategic partnership with Apple Music (best known for its previous blanket approach to U2's "Songs of Innocence").

Local train conductor Frank "Toot" Miownhorn was instrumental in passing this legislation. At the public hearing for the resolution, Toot stated, "This area is just so rich with culture, and these students willfully ignore it inside their little University utopia. We're trying to cultivate a generation of worldly scholars, and the lack of those very people in Central Pennsylvania will add a needed perspective to these global citizens."

In order to achieve this goal, the city stripped all trains of their mufflers and installed broadcast stations every two blocks. The horn amplification is now an ever-present part of the University campus, as most loudspeakers feed directly into residential buildings. Councilman Jerry Mander said the goal was to increase train horn usage to roughly equal to, if not more than, the Vedder fire alarms. Students can expect to hear this lovely, gentle blast at 15-minute intervals between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. for the rest of the semester. Some

have praised its "loudness" during late night studying sessions, calling it the perfect mix of "jarring" and "why God, why did they do this" due to its patented "Focus-Orienting Aura™." Now, students have no choice but to be fully immersed within the community surrounding the University, regardless of their preference.

Local business owners are also fans of the move. Many downtown shopkeepers enthusiastically informed Bucknellian reporters that they expect tourism rates to skyrocket from their previous plateau (zero monthly visitors) to a record of 3.5 through this new initiative. "I've been visiting more shops than I used to. If anything, it's because I run to the closest shelter when I hear a horn. I think the sudden blasts of noise trigger something primal inside of me," a local member of the community said.

To keep the momentum going, both the Buggy Museum and Tractor Pull Committee of Pennsylvania (better known as the PCP) are offering transportation services for students who want to really throw themselves into the world around them and break out of the mundane, daily routine of blasting SoundCloud remixes in their Porsches and Range Rovers.

Due to increased demand, the University Housing Services Office has also announced the rate for room and board will increase to reflect the new and improved ambiance. The local train soundtrack will soon be available on all streaming platforms, with a remix reportedly in the works with Percy and Gordon from the hit show "Thomas the Tank Engine."

## Finding love in a hopeless place

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Satire Co-Editor

As COVID-19 cases rise and the pandemic continues, it can be hard to feel hopeful. Or motivated. Or find your will to live. Or focus on anything that you used to think was important.

However, hope is still out there! You might be miserable and lonely, but at least a COVID-19 test administrator and a student can find love in a hopeless place: namely, the Student Health Center's sequential testing setup in the KLARC.

When pressed for details, the student told me the nose swab felt "more intimate than anything I had done in weeks, probably months. I thought sleeping six feet apart from my roommate was the most intimate form of human interaction I'd had since the pandemic began in March, but that was obviously topped by this COVID-19 test."

I was trying my best not to throw up everywhere as she explained to me how "it felt as though time had stopped, that my randomly assigned test administrator and I were just meant to be there at the same time that day." She also asked me if I believe in love at first sight.

Gross. Then I asked the administrator about how this changed his outlook on the pandemic. He explained that "when we made eye contact during the nose swabbing through the thick condensation that had built up on our glasses because of the masks, I felt so at peace. I forgot I was quite literally labeling

her snout in a vial to see if she has COVID-19, that's how lost in the moment I was. And nobody looks good when you swab their nose, but she managed to pull it off."

That sounds made-up to me, only because I don't think it's possible to look attractive to the person who is sticking a giant Q-tip up your nose; I mean, they can probably see your nose hair and everything. That does not seem like a likely setting to meet your future partner.

All I could think about while they were telling me what happened during that fateful COVID-19 test was that, between the layers of latex gloves and masks and face shields and hospital gown, it must be hard to tell what they look like to each other.

Maybe they'll meet someday soon and feel like they were catfished. Masks can be sort of catfish-esque. Hopefully this couple has better luck than others who met up and realized too late that the bottom half of your face is actually essential to knowing what someone truly looks like!

But, as I mentioned before, they did find love in a hopeless place! When pressed further, the pair admitted they would be planning a social distanced outing together in order to explore what had been sparked by their intimate interaction at the KLARC testing site. They did say they would NOT be doing this at the KLARC, because that would be super weird.

For the rest of you lonely people, continue getting tested once a week and stay safe!

## Students willing to overlook flaws in exchange for companionship

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Over the past year, dating in college has done a complete 180. It seems as though students are now dating for companionship. Weird, huh?

Personally, I think I could definitely use the additional social interaction. I talk to my Bluetooth speaker so much, it's become my best friend. Which is good I guess, cause we have the same taste in music, and my other friends won't jam to Kesha with me at 2 a.m. "cause they're laaame. But it's hard to meet someone new, so I've been playing phone roulette and hitting up contacts from old group projects. Sure, the selection isn't great and I know they lack any intellectually stimulating qualities from my time collaborating with them, but I think everyone is at the point of ignoring a few minor personality flaws.

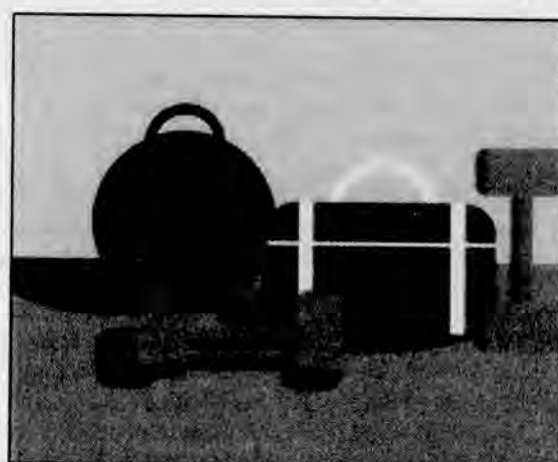
I think that it's important to accept that we all have our quirks. Sometimes, I like to watch Netflix on silent and narrate the subtitles in my

own weird voices. I'm just saying that in my mind, Gossip Girl sounds like Shrek.

I've also recently come to terms with the fact that I've been living like a nomadic houseplant. I drink like two gallons of water a day and take aimless walks around Market Street, just to get some sunlight. Then, I get super cold and whisper to myself that "things will get better in the spring."

So, I think that we all cope with this lack of companionship in different ways. For instance, I've been tricking my roommates into holding hands with me. Luckily, I've learned to play this off as a lingering high five. Sometimes, we'll do this little shuffle thing where we'll all bump into each other in the hallway, and I'll misread the situation by going in for a group hug. Then, I'll make it worse by going for the chest bump. Apparently, we're on different comfort levels there. It's okay, though, because, in keeping with the theme of this article, we overlook each other's flaws, and isn't friendship the best form of companionship?

## KLARC recruits fraternity risk managers to monitor weight room occupancy



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"Well, at first we had one of the guys from physical therapy monitoring everything, but that wasn't working too well," answers a Kenneth Langone Athletics & Recreation Center (KLARC) administrator on how they've been keeping up with enforcing the latest in COVID-19 protocol. "Grown adults trying to do their jobs and college kids are like oil in water — they just don't mix," he continues. "But turns out, you throw a few Greek letters on a crew neck t-shirt and bam, it's a world of a difference."

After numerous failed attempts of keeping weight room occupancy down and far too many sightings of chin-strap mask wearers, the KLARC has opted for the unorthodox, yet surprisingly effective authority of fraternity risk managers to keep the gym disease-free. Many of the fraternities from around campus were excited to lend a hand in the gym due the lack of downtown gatherings. Not only were the brothers flinging to get back into mixer life, risk managers were itching for the simple pleasure of yelling at giggles of eager freshmen to "get the hell out of my yard."

Risk managers are built for keeping the party freshman-free, much like a bouncer at a night-

club, but minus 150 pounds, with approximately a third of the combat experience, and with two times as much steez. Yet how would these skills transition to being on door... at the weight room? Many of the same tactics are at play.

Upon a person approaching the weight room door, the first task of the risk manager is to ascertain the gym's occupancy (or at least pretend to, the hopeful lifter/freshman never questions a risk manager's judgement). Less than six people? This guy's good to go. But what if the weight room's all full? A good risk manager would be appropriate to respond in any of the following ways: "Sorry buddy, tonight's not the night," or "Hey buddy, take a lap, come back in 30 minutes and we'll talk," as well as "Get the hell out of my gym," are all effective tag lines to enforce social distancing in the gym. Some of the buffer, more experienced risk managers quiz gym goers on other notorious campus lifers, asking them to "name five lifers." Even if answered correctly, getting access to the weight room is still uncertain.

Since this new implementation, students are able to work out while staying healthy, KLARC employees are over the moon and the much-wanted role of risk management is thriving.

## University Instagram posts stop covid outbreak. Students celebrate!



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We did it everyone! Guys, I know how awful it has been for everyone during these past few weeks (well, the past year or so). However, we've all seen the University Instagram posts and Tweets denouncing the virus and the vast amounts of carnage it has wrought across campus.

Well, it's finally happened. The University Instagram posts cancelled COVID-19. After a multitude of warnings to triple-mask, social distance and forcibly locking up all the close contacts and infectees (thank you, anonymous reporting service! ♥), not to mention parental phone calls from home threatening to cut off financial support and tuition payments for non-compliance, the coronavirus has officially decided to pack its bags and leave Pennsylvania out of pure shame. Good luck to all those border states out there (except New Jersey!).

I cannot wait to get out and see everybody's faces again. Not only that, but we can spend the rest of our time together doing the exact things the University's Instagram account wanted us to avoid: hanging out in groups, having huge all-night ragers, coughing on each other and having fun. Speaking of the ram-bunctious party scene, not only are they allowed (and totally encouraged!), but I no longer will have to hide in someone else's closet when PSafe busts in to arrest the hosts. Perhaps the greatest outcome from this turn of

events is the amount of student freedom present on-campus. For instance, now I can go back to my daily hobby of throwing eggs at frat houses and blaming it on the sororities.

With the recent lack of COVID-19 anything, classes are free to meet in-person, allowing professors to see which students actually attend class, as opposed to entering Zoom, but keeping their camera and microphone off. Returning to in-person classes also has the issue of students actually interacting with one another. Since everyone has had so much experience with online classes, students kept trying to mute the teacher.

In unrelated news, students choosing at-home options have increased around 30 percent in the last day or so. Faculty has no idea why students have been transferring home so rapidly, especially since COVID-19 left Pennsylvania entirely. My only guess is people are more used to looking at their computer screens than at each other at this point in time, and sometimes that's okay. You can forgive yourself, Gary.

Of course, there will always be change, and with change comes difficulty. We all faced difficulty last year, in one form or another, but like it or not, we're still here now. Then again, you're still here now, reading this. As long as you are, I can smile. You have given me the greatest gift of all: the time you spent reading this article, which can never be taken back, no matter how much you regret it.

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# SPOTLIGHT: NEW FACES OF BSG

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Special Features Editor

The Bucknell Student Government (BSG) is a motivated and mindful group of undergraduate students who serve to represent the student body. As the bridge between said student body and the administration — and between smaller groups of students, faculty/staff, departments and other key members of the University community — they are responsible for keeping tabs on the pulse of all these groups as well as facilitating communication and pushing for action. As members of the University community, it is important to recognize and highlight the individuals that make up this team.



## PRESIDENT, MADISON SCOPANO

Scopano is a junior from York, Pa. She is majoring in neuroscience with a French minor. In addition to serving on BSG, she is a Religious & Spiritual Life student manager, neuroscience researcher, Rooke Chapel vocal ensemble member and is involved with DSAC, MSF, Dance Marathon, Food Security Council and Pre-Health Society.

Scopano shared that she was heavily involved in student government in high school so it seemed natural for her to continue in college. She first became involved with BSG during her first year as a Class of 2023 senator and Academic Affairs Committee member. She ran for class president during her junior year.

"Running for President started out more extrinsically-motivated, as a lot of my peers in BSG had urged me to run," Scopano said. "It then became more intrinsic as I realized there was still so much change I wanted to see in our

Bucknell community, but I realized there was no use in talking about the change I wanted to see if I wasn't going to take advantage of the opportunity for a position that would readily permit me to act out and see that change come to fruition."

Scopano describes her position as a "catch-all." She acts as the liaison between different departments, administrators, faculty/staff, Board of Trustees and students; she assesses and addresses the needs of each group to better serve our community.

Speaking on the purpose and importance of BSG's role in the University's community, Scopano said, "As in our preamble, we are to establish justice, ensure campus tranquility, and promote the general welfare of students. This comes with representing all members of our Bucknell community and making sure everyone's needs are met." She went on to say that "currently, this has become work-

ing on our conscientiousness and activism of the DEI work this institution needs, creating ways to better student health (physically with COVID-19, mentally and safety-wise), addressing food insecurity, and much more."

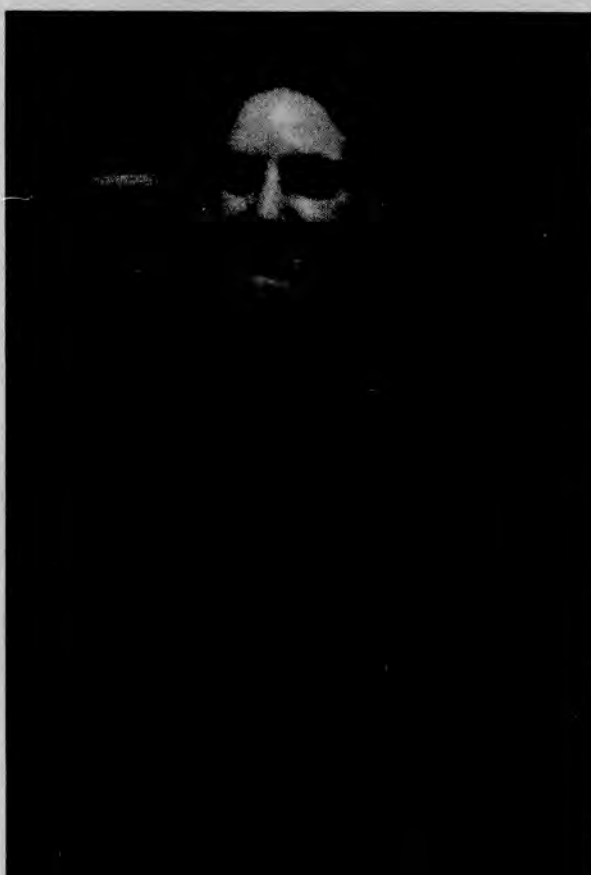
As President, Scopano aspires to be a present, honest and compassionate leader.

"I am an advocate in leading with kindness, and my heart to be on my sleeve in that you know who I am, as an individual, along the way," she said. "Our executive board strives to be communicative with one another, Congress, and our greater student body. We also strive to get work done, effectively and efficiently, while listening to others about what work needs to be done next. As for the Bucknell community-at-large, we are living in an unpredictable era of time, and listening to the tragedies around the world has been frustrating and draining. I just wish everyone to be kind to

one another and be kind to themselves," Scopano said.

Scopano went on to say that, "inevitably, COVID-19 has been our biggest challenge. Learning how to circumnavigate a remote-centric time in order to complete initiatives and meet with people has been difficult, but we are ready to tackle the challenges ahead nonetheless."

Scopano concluded that her favorite part of BSG are the connections she created with fellow members of the BSG board. "Not only do you get an opportunity to network and connect with head administration and faculty/staff, but you are surrounded by highly-motivated, passionate individuals who were elected to serve as representatives of the student body. The ambition that moves through all BSG members is like no other, and I have been honored to serve as President and work more closely with everyone in the organization," Scopano said.



## VP OF OPERATIONS, KATE BIXBY

Bixby is a junior from New York City; she is an applied mathematical sciences major with two minors in linguistics and classics.

"I decided to run for BSG because I wanted to see more visible involvement with BSG on campus," Bixby said. "I also felt like since I had never been involved with BSG before running for my position, that I would have a fresh perspective to contribute."

As VP of Operations, Bixby oversees a lot of the logistics of BSG. She runs elections in the fall and spring,

appoints people to committees and sits on a few committees herself, like Planning and Budget and the President's Sustainability Council. She also serves as the chair of the Organization Review Board that oversees all clubs and organizations on campus.

"My personal goal for the semester is just to make sure BSG runs smoothly and respectfully," Bixby said. "As for the Executive Board, I think we're all trying to do the same. We all chose to run for our positions because we want BSG to make progress

as an organization and we're all very dedicated to making that happen."

Bixby explained that many of BSG's accomplishments require a great amount of behind-the-scenes coordination. "From making a better class schedule to working toward a low waste campus, there is so much that BSG does that people just don't get to see on campus. I think all the small things we do really make Bucknell a better environment, even if it's not all super publicized," she said.

"I expect BSG to pose many challenges because I'm learning how it works as I go. I've got a great team to help me out, but since I've never been a part of BSG before there's a lot of small stuff that I don't know off the top of my head. I think really well on my feet and I'm excited to work through any challenges I'm faced with," Bixby said.

"The best part about BSG is the people, so many new perspectives and people I've never met before who I now get to work with all the time," Bixby said.



## VP OF ADMINISTRATION, SOPHIE GUICHARDAN

Guichardan is a sophomore who lives about an hour away from a little town called Drums. She is a psychology and political science double major with a legal studies minor on the pre-law track. In addition to her involvement in BSG, Sophie is also a part of the school's mock trial team, a member of Greek Life in Chi Omega, and works at the front-desk of Bertrand Library.

When asked why she ran for BSG, Guichardan said, "I figured, why not?" She went on to say how she loves the University's student body so much that she wanted to be able to represent them. "I know there is a lot of positive change we can achieve on Bucknell's campus and I wanted to help be a part of that. I chose to run for VP of Administration specifically because I felt like it was the position best suited for my personality and my strengths."

In her role VP of Administration, Guichardan is in

charge of a lot of the logistics of BSG and is often working behind-the-scenes to try and keep things running smoothly. "During our weekly Congresses, I'm in charge of compiling the minutes as well as being in charge of all of BSG's major record keeping," Guichardan said. "I sit on a variety of different BSG Committees such as Executive Committee and Finance Committee while also acting as the Chair for BSG's PR Board." Part of her role also includes being in charge of all of BSG's social media, including their Instagram, Facebook and website. Furthermore, their Executive Board often has meetings with different members of University administration. "I also hold Office Hours twice weekly for anyone interested," Guichardan said.

In Guichardan's opinion, "BSG plays a greater role in Bucknell's community to help try and nourish a unified stu-

dent body by addressing issues pertinent to campus."

"Going into this year, my main goals in my position are to be a friendly face that all students can feel comfortable enough to take to with any issues and to never let any voice go unheard," Guichardan said. "I hope we can create an environment that encourages the Bucknell community to speak up and be passionate about their campus by being willing to have the conversations we need to have to see change."

"Personally, I am constantly wanting to make people happy so one of my greatest individual challenges is balancing my desire to fix everyone's concerns while still remembering we don't have the ability to do everything. I want to be able to address every single person's problems but it is important to realize that it's not always possible," Guichardan said.

In terms of challenges

they face as an entire organization, Guichardan shared that "adversity is something we all have to address head-on and the best way to do that is to be caring and thoughtful of each other when things don't go as planned or when someone disagrees with you. These disagreements and conversations are not things we need to run from but rather tackle head on and learn from."

Our VP of Administration concluded by sharing that "being a part of BSG has really allowed me to feel so much more connected to the Bucknell community than anything else I've ever been in. I've gotten to know a wide variety of students who really care about making a difference on Bucknell's campus and have had the opportunity to see change come to fruition. It makes me feel so much closer to the student body which makes my college experience that much more meaningful."

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## MEN'S WATER POLO SPLITS SEASON OPENING GAMES AGAINST NAVAL ACADEMY



RILEY DEBAECKE | THE BUCKNELLIAN Andu Vlasceanu '23 blocks against opponent in Fall 2019 season.

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AT 4PM

Anna Carroll  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's water polo team had the opportunity to compete this past weekend for the first time since the fall of 2019. The No. 10-ranked Bison split with their No. 9 rivals, the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, each taking home one win from a set of back-to-back games. The Orange and Blue were able to clutch a close 12-11 victory in overtime over the Midshipmen in game one, but the latter came back strong in the second game, defeating the Bison 15-5.

The Orange and Blue came ready to compete after their season was put on pause for the two

weeks leading up to competition, owing to the unprecedented COVID-19 outbreak on campus that saw over 190 active cases. Despite this setback, the Bison took an early 2-0 lead with Josh Yardley '22 scoring at the 2:36 mark. Goalie Adrien Touzout '23 was also a big help for the Bison in the first period, contributing six clutch saves in the cage. Goals from Yardley, Ethan Jones '24, Jack Lewis '22, and Donuk Ozar '24, gave the Orange and Blue a 5-2 lead over the Midshipmen at the halftime horn.

Andu Vlasceanu '23 found the back of the cage at the onset of the second half to bring the lead to 6-2. The Bison kept the heat coming and were able

to maintain an 8-4 score, with goals from Vlasceanu and Matt Blackwell '21. It was during the end of the third period that Navy came back and pulled within one goal of the Bison to start the fourth period neck and neck. The Midshipmen tied it up with only 3:16 left in the game, but Vlasceanu was quick to respond with a goal of his own for the Bison, bringing them ahead 10-9. It was Navy's Isaac Salinas who scored with just 31 seconds remaining to bring the score to 10-10 and the first game to overtime.

Navy took its first lead of the game to start the overtime period, but Jared Stanley '21, put in two huge goals for the Bison, giving them a 12-11 lead – and

the eventual win over Navy.

"We hadn't practiced as a team for the previous two weeks, so we went into the game with no expectations and nothing to lose. Being able to play for the first time in over a year was amazing, and getting a win over Navy with unexpected circumstances felt great. We worked hard as a team and showed we can compete even in difficult situations," Stanley said.

After a very close first game, Navy came out ready to prove themselves in the second round of the day. The Midshipmen raced to a 10-2 lead, eventually clinching a 15-5 win over the Orange and Blue to split for the weekend. Yardley, Ozar, Stanley,

Liam Stott '24 and Walker Butler '24, all pitched in a goal during the game. Stott's goal gave the Bison a brief lead of 2-1 early on in the game, but Navy came back with eight straight goals, helping Navy take a commanding 10-2 lead. Touzout helped the Bison with 8 saves in the cage for the Bison in the defeat.

"We went to Navy prepared to give our best and to represent the school. I like to think that we did that, and that we made Bucknell proud this weekend," Vlasceanu said.

The Bison will now turn their attention to the upcoming weekend in MAWPC regional play. Times and opponents are to be determined.

## BEYOND THE BISON

### SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

#### Inaugural Athletes Unlimited season marks watershed for American women's volleyball

Kelsey O'Loughlin  
Staff Writer

For the first time, a professional volleyball league will be formed on American soil. Athletes Unlimited, a company that recognizes the individual and team aspects of professional sports, brought an innovative scoring system to softball – which premiered this past summer – complementing its earlier premiers of the system to volleyball in February and lacrosse in July. e Developed by CEOs Jonathan Soros and Jon Patricio, this league features a player-centric model that makes sure the athletes are involved every step of the way. The sport of volleyball has five central positions – setter, libero, middle, outside hitter and opposite hitter. Athletes Unlimited highlights the individual actions of players in these roles and their exceptional serving, passing, assisting and attacking. The teams are new every week, since the top four players (based on their point count) can draft their team. At the end of the season, the player with the most points is

crowned as the AU champion. The first AU season will occur in Dallas, Texas, at the Fair Park Coliseum. Their TV contract with CBS and Fox Sports which enables both networks to air 22 of the 28 games in the season.

Athletes Unlimited recognizes the need for more female sports leagues in the United States. This achievement might seem like a simple addition to an already-saturated American sports media ecosystem. However, it is an incredible blessing for the athletes that are competing to be playing in their home country. After college, most of the top volleyball players in the NCAA wish to continue their volleyball career as a professional; unfortunately, their dream comes with the harsh reality of emigrating to a foreign country in order to continue playing. From Italy to Japan, these players must leave home in search of regional leagues in which they may pursue their professional dream. It is a difficult life for these women, navigating a new country alone to while frequently overcoming a language barrier and the unfamiliar regulations of the international volleyball system. While these ath-

letes are playing the sport they love as a career, many of their college classmates at home and pursue traditional careers. After playing overseas, for 10-plus years in some cases, to play in America in front of their family and friends means so much more than we can imagine.

One player who recognizes the monumental importance of leagues like AU is one of indoor volleyball's true celebrities, Jordan Larson, a professional player from Fremont, Neb. Larson played at the University of Nebraska from 2005-2008. At Nebraska, she was a two-time first-team All-American, 2008 Big 12 Player of the Year, a two-time Olympian in 2012 and 2016, and named best outside hitter in the 2017 FIVB world games. As a talented athlete who has been around the game for 20 plus years, she admired the AU founders' innovative approach. But, while chasing her dreams abroad, she missed many major life events back home. Her presence in the volleyball world allowed her to recruit the best players from the United States and abroad.

The women are excited and ready to compete with

new and former teammates. The 44 athletes come from the Big 10, PAC 12, ACC, SEC and more. The players range from different phases of life, with some athletes fresh out of college and others well into retirement when the league developed. The Big 10 has the highest number of athletes with 20, as alumni of Nebraska, Minnesota and Penn State play together as teammates and rivals in the professional realm. The PAC 12 is represented by many, including Karsta Lowe, a 2015 graduate of UCLA. Lowe is one of many who are relatively new to the professional sphere. At the other end of the spectrum are veteran players like Cassidy Litchman played at Stanford from 2007-2010 and continued her career overseas in the professional league. After retiring in 2016, she returned to Stanford as an assistant under her former coach John Dunning. Coming out of a five-year retirement for this league shows how monumental AU is for the volleyball community. Another inspiring story is Kelly Hunter, a two-time NCAA champion

who graduated from Nebraska in 2017. After playing overseas for one season, she returned to Lincoln to assist under her former coach John Cook. This past year, she was promoted to the first assistant position but decided to come out of retirement to play in the United States.

A significant source of excitement for this league is its location; not only Dallas, but the state of Texas in general, is one of the hot spots for youth club volleyball in America. Many of the players grew up in the Lone Star State or began their collegiate careers in cities like Austin, Waco, College Station, Baylor or Houston. Club volleyball is the industry in which young women get recruited to play in college. Some of the best clubs that send girls to the top-ranked programs in NCAA volleyball come from Texas.

This group of women is made up of All-Americans, NCAA champions and Olympians. From fresh out of college to 15 years removed, these women are finally receiving the opportunity and the coverage they deserve while playing the sport they love.



# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**ANDU VLASCEANU '23**  
MEN'S WATER POLO

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ATHLETIC DEPT.

Holly Burns  
Senior Writer

The No. 10 Bison men's water polo team started off their season strong this past weekend, splitting a pair of games against a tough opponent, the No. 9 United States Naval Academy. The Orange and Blue displayed a commendable effort in the first game, as they managed to defeat Navy 11-10 in overtime. Bison attacker Andu Vlasceanu '24 was pivotal to the team's success, burying three goals in just the second half of the first game.

The Romanian native

was a standout for the Bison in his first-year season, receiving accolades such as MAWPC Rookie of the Year. Vlasceanu tallied 68 goals and 38 assists as a freshman, second only to a senior at the time, Rade Joksimovic '20. Vlasceanu scored three or more goals per game for 10 games this season.

The athlete started at attack in all 32 games for the Bison, and was named MAWPC Rookie of the Week three separate times over the course of the season. Vlasceanu was also the first Bison to earn All-MAWPC awards since his former teammate Joksimovic earned them as a freshman.

Vlasceanu is not only an

important asset for the Bison in the pool, but in the classroom as well. As a freshman, Vlasceanu earned an ACWPC academic recognition for superior achievement.

When he is not representing the Bison, Vlasceanu is a frequent member of Romanian National Water Polo teams, and plays to support his home country. He has earned 66 selections to the U15, U17, and U19 Romanian National teams, and was even named captain of the U17 team in the Men's European Junior Championship.

Vlasceanu spoke on the Bison's strong effort this weekend explaining that

"our team went to Navy ready to play and give 150 percent to win. We played our game and we managed to win the first game. I think that we made Bucknell proud. The team definitely looks different this year after losing four seniors, but I believe we will continue to grow and achieve our goals. I have faith in this program and I am certain that we will succeed."

The Orange and Blue are off to a solid 1-1 start so far this season, and are Vlasceanu and his teammates are ready to build upon this success heading into MAWPC Regional play next weekend.

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## The Vice President's response to women exiting the workforce will waste money

Zach Murphy  
Staff Writer

The economic impact of the pandemic may be as severe as its impacts on public health. Since the number of cases began to rise a year ago, millions of people lost their jobs and countless industries faced disruption. The fallout from this event carries over into the public sector as well, since millions of schools moved to online or hybrid learning for safety reasons. The impact of this pandemic on women is particularly pronounced; according to NPR, women are leaving the workforce at a rate four times higher than men. Some of this can be attributed to online learning amongst students — many schools still remain closed, and parents must stay home to care for their children. Recently, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris addressed this problem with a group of women leaders, arguing that U.S. President Joe Biden's relief plan will return more women to the workforce. Though the idea of Biden's plan getting women back to work is appealing, it includes monetary compensa-

tion that will do little to help women reenter the workforce and the plan will put the country into further debt.

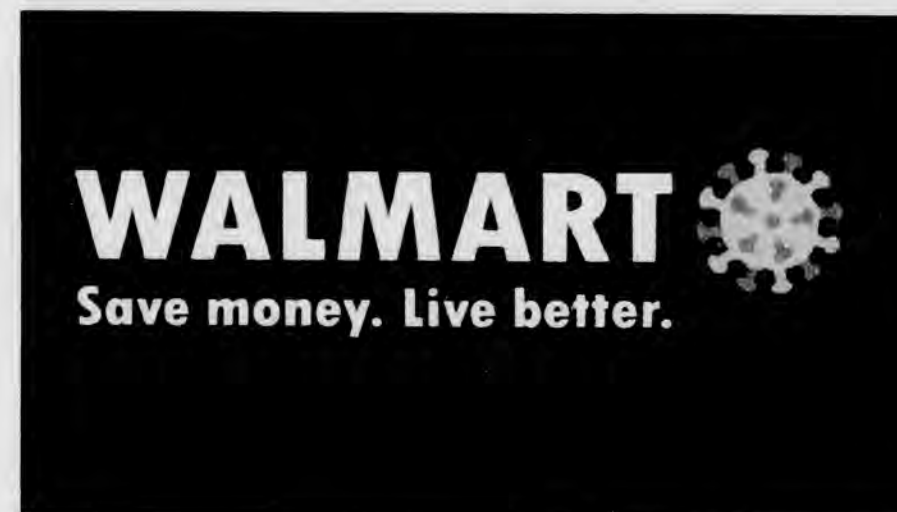
Biden's plan has many laudable goals. Its focus on vaccination and safely reopening schools will allow people the freedom and ability to reenter the workforce and participate in the economy. However, there is a third, and potentially much less successful, aspect to the plan that Harris mentioned recently — the plan will give \$1,400 checks and a \$3,000 tax credit to families with children, supplementing childcare expenditures with the ostensible goal of helping women re-enter the workforce. It's safe to say that even though this money can be helpful, it will not achieve its intended goal anytime soon. The economy is still in a deep rut, and there are simply not enough jobs open for every woman looking for a job to return to work. This represents a structural problem with Harris' reasoning for throwing money at the situation; before women can return to work, the economy will need to rebound and new jobs will need to be created.

Giving every person

\$4,400 will not solve the problem she aims to address. This money would be better used for more aggressive vaccination rollouts and other public health services. The \$4,400 could perhaps cover a couple months worth of expenses, but it will certainly not free up the economy to the point that women will return to work. Some will argue that any support is better than no support, but one must also consider the future consequences of these checks. It's estimated that these checks will cost the government over a trillion dollars and have relatively little impact on economic growth. America already has a massive debt, making it worse will not help anybody and could even stymie a potentially strong rebound.

I'm not an economist and I do not have all the answers, but what I do know is that spending money you don't have on things that do not solve the problem will only serve to worsen the situation. Vaccinations are good and the effort to reopen schools is also a strong step towards a solution, but cutting checks that will only come back to haunt the people is not going to help.

## Walmart's promised hourly wage increase raises income and questions



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In a recent article published by the Wall Street Journal, Walmart announced that 425,000 of their employees will receive a significant raise in their wages. According to Walmart, the coronavirus has boosted business demand for workers who engage in online orders, prompting the proposed increase.

This raise in pay will happen for workers in both the digital and stocking departments. These aforementioned roles were crucial to Walmart's success during the pandemic, as customers picked up their orders that were prepared by these employees and shelves of cleaning supplies were constantly being replenished to provide for the customers visiting the store. As of March 13, wages in these sectors will increase to between \$13 and \$19 per hour. However, as their wages

rise, it was quickly added that these employees will no longer receive their quarterly bonus following the first quarter this year. In response to no longer having a bonus the next quarter, a Walmart spokeswoman said, "The overwhelming majority of our associates say their hourly wages are the most important part of their pay." So workers for whom this raise applies to seem to be on board with Walmart's new idea.

Based on customers' recent behavior during the pandemic, Walmart believes they need to provide their customers with timely deliveries and stocked shelves. Walmart has recorded that in the last quarter U.S. visits decreased about 10.9 percent, while the average amount spent by customers per trip increased by 21.9 percent. It is clear that Walmart has a new idea for how their company will be running for the next few years. The emphasis they place on their new efficient online and quick pick-up shopping ex-

perience allows the public to believe the store could be changing the way they have been functioning since its opening. The pandemic has caused less browsing the shelves — as seen by the decrease in customer trip times — so it will be interesting to see how Walmart and other retailers will adapt to the new lifestyle the pandemic has created.

Truthfully, I do believe that some of the employees could deserve a raise if it prompts Walmart to change their approach to managing their business. However, I also believe this could have a negative view for employees in other departments. If Walmart begins to value these jobs less, they will slowly want to decrease the number of employees and will never be encouraged to increase their wages. It is clear that the employees of departments will not react well to these new changes, perhaps diving the workforce and raising conflict in the workplace.

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## *Sia's movie 'Music': How far is too far?*



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Many have criticized the decision to cast a neurotypical girl as the leading actress in the drama, "Music," portraying the life of an autistic child. Madeleine Ziegler, an 18-year-old who entered the spotlight at a young age starring in the TV show, "Dance Moms," has proved herself as a successful young woman in the acting and dance industry. Prior to the filming and production of the movie "Music," Ziegler has worked with the Australian singer and songwriter, Sia, in which she has appeared in her music videos for her hit songs "Elastic Heart" and "Cheap Thrills."

With their past collaborations, Sia and Ziegler have formed an incredibly strong bond, as Sia has assumed the position of a mentor and maternal figure in Ziegler's life. "As soon as I met Maddie, I felt an extreme desire to protect her and I think that was part of my own healing," Sia shared during an interview on the Zach Sang Show. As their bond became stronger over the past five years, Sia shared with the public in the summer of 2020, that she feels "terrible shame" for launching Ziegler into fame at such a young age, "but I've taken responsibility for it in as much as that I provide her security," she claims.

Over the years, Sia has emphasized the importance in finding your voice and the beauty of creating a family in which she hoped this film would portray. In the movie, the young autistic girl, Music, is restrained by her caregivers in order to calm her down. This is one of the aspects of the film that has fueled anger

from those who are a part of the autistic community. Director of Advocacy at the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, Zoe Gross, shared that "the autistic community has been fighting for decades to end the use of restraints that traumatize and kill." She believes that if an autistic actor was casted as Music, Sia and Ziegler would receive no backlash. With viewers angered at the sight of Music being restrained in the film, Gross stated, "Had the filmmakers chosen to meaningfully involve autistic people from the beginning, we could have told them how catastrophically irresponsible it is to encourage viewers to use the kind of deadly restraints that killed Max Benson, Eric Parsa and many other members of our community."

Before the production of "Music," Sia shared with the public that she had dedicated much of her time researching autism, however many drew controversy with her relationships to the organization Autism Speaks. "The fact that she collaborated with Autism Speaks, easily identified as a eugenics-promoting hate group, is a testament to the severity of her lies," Nina Skov Jensen, an advocate for people with autism, said. With much backlash from the public, Sia expressed her plan to remove the scenes that portray Ziegler being restrained, but she has yet to do so and there are no warnings in the movie for view discretion.

Additionally, many had hoped to see an autistic actor play the lead role in the film, but instead Ziegler was cast. Camille Proctor, executive director and founder of The Color of Autism Foun-

dation, shared with USA Today, "I don't like the portrayal of the young autistic woman. I feel like [Ziegler] was doing parody," and when asked her thoughts on the film, she said, "I don't even know where to start."

Though the film was only released on Feb. 10, it has already accumulated a very low rating of 3.1/10 on IMDb. What angered viewers the most was the use of common stereotypes throughout the movie and many have expressed their beliefs that 'Music' is a betrayal to the autistic community. With this being said, a petition has been created demanding that Sia's movie have its Golden Globes nominations revoked. Change.org questioned, "How does one act autistic, you may ask? If we look at Ziegler's portrayal, the answer is by stereotypically mimicking autistic people the exact same way autistic people have been bullied and mocked their entire lives," Nina Skov Jensen, the creator of the petition, said.

Sia's film "Music" [provides glimpses of the inhumane treatment of autistic people and does not represent the meaning behind what she thought would be a kindhearted musical. With thousands of people angered by the production of the movie, many are focusing on making a change. Although she may have produced this movie in hopes that it would be a love letter to the autism community, Sia's use of common stereotypes and encouragement of inhumane treatment towards autistic children contributes to the daily hardships the community faces and should not be celebrated.

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Senior Writer

What began less than two weeks ago as unprecedented frigid weather in Texas has twisted into a disastrous energy crisis resulting in the death of over 80 people. Millions were deprived of power, and the recovery has been slow. Due to the increased demand and loss of energy, many stores were unable to remain open, contributing to massive food shortages. Water systems were rendered non-operational as a result of burst or freezing pipes, leading some in San Antonio to collect river water with emptied trash cans. This has been a devastating event, and in response U.S. President Joe Biden declared a statewide emergency, authorizing FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security to provide assistance. But, this turbulent period in the state remains ongoing, and it has raised clear concerns not only about the preparedness against such a storm, but also about the systems of infrastructure that so many in Texas are reliant upon.

By the manner in which the storm so heavily affected the impacted areas, one

might assume that no one saw it coming, and that the state was taken by surprise. Indeed, Texas was afflicted with cold temperatures the likes of which had never been seen there, even falling to below zero in certain cities. Yet, the devastating forecast had been known by several operators in Texas' electrical grid over a week in advance, time that could have been used to take critical preventative measures against what would inevitably arrive. Moreover, the potential for a winter storm in the state had often been raised as a concern going so far back as 2011, when similar weather hit Texas and caused outages.

But these warnings were mostly ignored in favor of leaving the responsibility to the power companies, who, in large part, avoided the additional expenditures of "winterizing" their power plants and gas production. This lack of enforcement has been primarily the fault of Texas' deregulated power grid, which not only incentivizes power companies to spend as little as possible, but also prevents the state from importing energies from other states in situations where it is most needed.

Indeed, such glaring flaws in the state's energy

systems have been overlooked by some politicians, who instead have accused renewable energy of being the predominant cause of the events in Texas. Governor Greg Abbot claimed that wind turbines were to blame, despite the fact that renewable power sources contribute only around one-fifth to Texas' power grid, and that natural gas facilities, as Abbot later admitted, also lost significant amounts of power. Yes, there were frozen wind turbines, just as there were frozen pipelines in natural gas facilities. But the issue did not stem from one power source, and it is disingenuous to suggest that there was. Rather, record demands of energy and poor systems of infrastructure are to blame.

The truth is that renewable energy is not a boogeyman that can be blamed for whenever an energy crisis occurs. It cannot be the Green New Deal, a proposal without any legal effect, that can be simply labelled as "deadly" by the governor without merit. There are clear issues that contributed to the poor response in Texas, and they can not simply be avoided by leaving it to the power companies on a deregulated grid or by flying off to Cancun, Mexico.

# The costs of herd immunity

Caroline Hendrix  
Senior Writer

While the University has experienced a surge in cases since coming back to campus, the number of cases on a national scale has dropped by 40 percent in the last two weeks, per an analysis by the New York Times. Experts seem to be optimistic about the vaccine's effectiveness, and are now turning their attention towards estimating the United States' "herd immunity" threshold, when, according to the NYT report, "enough people are immune to the virus that it can no longer spread through the population." There is much speculation about when the tipping-point for herd immunity will be reached in this country, but most sources place it somewhere between April and July depending on lockdown conditions. I cannot be the only one to see immunity as a possible light at the end of the tunnel, but I am not blind to the nightmare that might realize itself if the path to passing the threshold into immunity is rushed.

While Sweden faced backlash for not implementing nearly as many guide-

lines as other European countries to stop the spread of the virus last spring, they now seem to be the best example of what immunity will look like in the United States. When the rest of the world stressed the need for strict guidelines and restrictions at the start of the pandemic, Sweden seemed to have their head in the clouds, mostly relying on voluntary social distancing and cancelling large gatherings – other than that, not much changed in the day-to-day lives of citizens. The NYT report relates how masks were rarely worn, and many businesses and public spaces remained open, including schools, bars and restaurants, gyms and parks. Their death toll at the beginning of the pandemic reflected this lax response: from the start of the pandemic in March 2020 through January 2021, the World Health Organization recorded over 12,000 deaths in Sweden as a result of COVID-19. Relative to the nation's population of about 10 million, this mortality rate is incredibly high. However at present, cases in Sweden are much lower than other nations that opted for more strict approaches, suggesting that Sweden has

fact, reached immunity. The Times also makes an important caveat that Sweden's relatively low case-count could be due to some omitted variable unrelated to herd immunity.

Swedish civil servant and physician Anders Tegnell, a comparable public figure in Sweden to the NIAID's Anthony Fauci in the United States, stressed in an interview that the rumors that Sweden had loose guidelines in order to reach herd immunity were just that – rumors. One might ask in response, why didn't Sweden implement stricter guidelines, following the lead of their European neighbors? Did they not foresee the high death toll, thinking that their strategy would actually be the most effective? Or did they want to maintain their economy when many other nations were thrust into a recession?

I am hopeful for immunity in the United States to happen sooner than later, but am willing to wait as long as needed to avoid a higher death toll. As we have seen in Sweden, while rushing to reach herd immunity may make things go back to "normal" as soon as possible (if Sweden has truly reached herd immunity), it comes at a cost that far outweighs its benefits.



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## MENTAL HEALTH DAYS

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Special Features Editor

In response to the heightened levels of stress reported by students and faculty alike last semester, the University has implemented three "men-

tal health days" throughout this spring semester in the place of the usual spring break.

All classes and other campus operations are put on pause for the entirety of these days to allow students and faculty to take some time to treat their mental and emotional health,

catch up on work, or just have a day off from the normal routine.

This past Tuesday, Feb. 23, was the first of these days. Although we are only three full weeks into the semester, the University community could all agree that these past few weeks have been increas-

ingly stressful — the "mental health day" was highly anticipated and much needed.

In order to encourage students to take advantage of the day off, and potentially do something special with their day, the University and various organizations planned a full day of events.

## THE MIND & THE BODY

First up on the agenda was Virtual Yoga at 2:00 p.m. This event was organized by the Panhellenic Community, as part of their first annual stress-less week aimed to provide holistic wellness to the Greek community and beyond. Furthermore, the yoga session was led over Zoom by an undergraduate

student of the University: Alex Apgar '22. Apgar received his yoga certification during the summer of 2019 and has been pursuing his passion ever since.

"The virtual yoga session was super relaxing and surprisingly fun. I had a great time taking an hour out of my day to do some yoga, and it

was nice to see familiar faces on the Zoom," Julia Sanger '22 said.

Another event hosted by the Panhellenic Community was Virtual Guided Meditation at 7:00 p.m.

Nicole Everett '22, vice president of programming for the Panhellenic Council, was responsible for organizing the

day's events. "I was so happy with the turnout at both events today. It's always nice to see different groups of the campus community come together, and it was especially nice to encourage everyone to focus on their mental health for the day," Everett said. "I hope people continue to engage with stress-less week."

## ACADEMICALLY ENRICHED

In addition to these engaging events, there were three other Zoom events on the evening of Feb. 23 that students were encouraged to attend.

First was the Distinguished Entrepreneurial Achievement Award (DEAA) Award Presentation to alum Lance Fritz '85. Fritz is the chairman, president and CEO of Union Pacific Corp. This event took place from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Students could attend and show their support for an alum while being inspired by the places the University can take them.

There was also a Bucknell Engineering Alumni Association (BEAA) Student Networking Event from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Engineering students could use their day off from classes to focus on their careers and get one step ahead.

In fact, many students

shared that they utilized their day off to work on their job search, internship applications, and even interviews.

"I utilized the day off to carry out an interview for a summer internship," Andrew Doane '22 said. "It was nice to be able to focus on my interview without having to worry about classes for a day."

"I used the day off to get ahead on my school work. Now I won't be so stressed the

rest of the week and over the weekend — I guess in a way today was a good mental health day," Emma Stone '22 said.

The last event of the day was a virtual presentation and talk from 6:30-7:30 p.m. sponsored by Religious & Spiritual life, titled "We Are Each Other's." The talk is a part of a Tuesday lecture series which focuses on finding inspiration, creativity and connection from one another.

## CRAFTS, HOBBIES, & FUN

In addition to all these events, Seventh Street Makerspace offered "Grab & Go kits" for watercolor painting, the Commons offered paint by numbers and Up-town gave out cake pops outside of their space. Stu-

dents could stop by at various times to "grab" a kit and "go" back to their dorms to do the craft.

"The watercolor kit was full of all the supplies I needed and it was a nice addition to my day off! It's

also nice to see how the Makerspace is adapting to make their events and services COVID-safe," Matilda Melkonian '22 said.

Other students reported sleeping in, getting something special for lunch, tak-

ing a drive through the wintery scenes of Lewisburg, catching up with a friend and taking some me-time on their mental health day off.

The next days off will be: Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, April 22.



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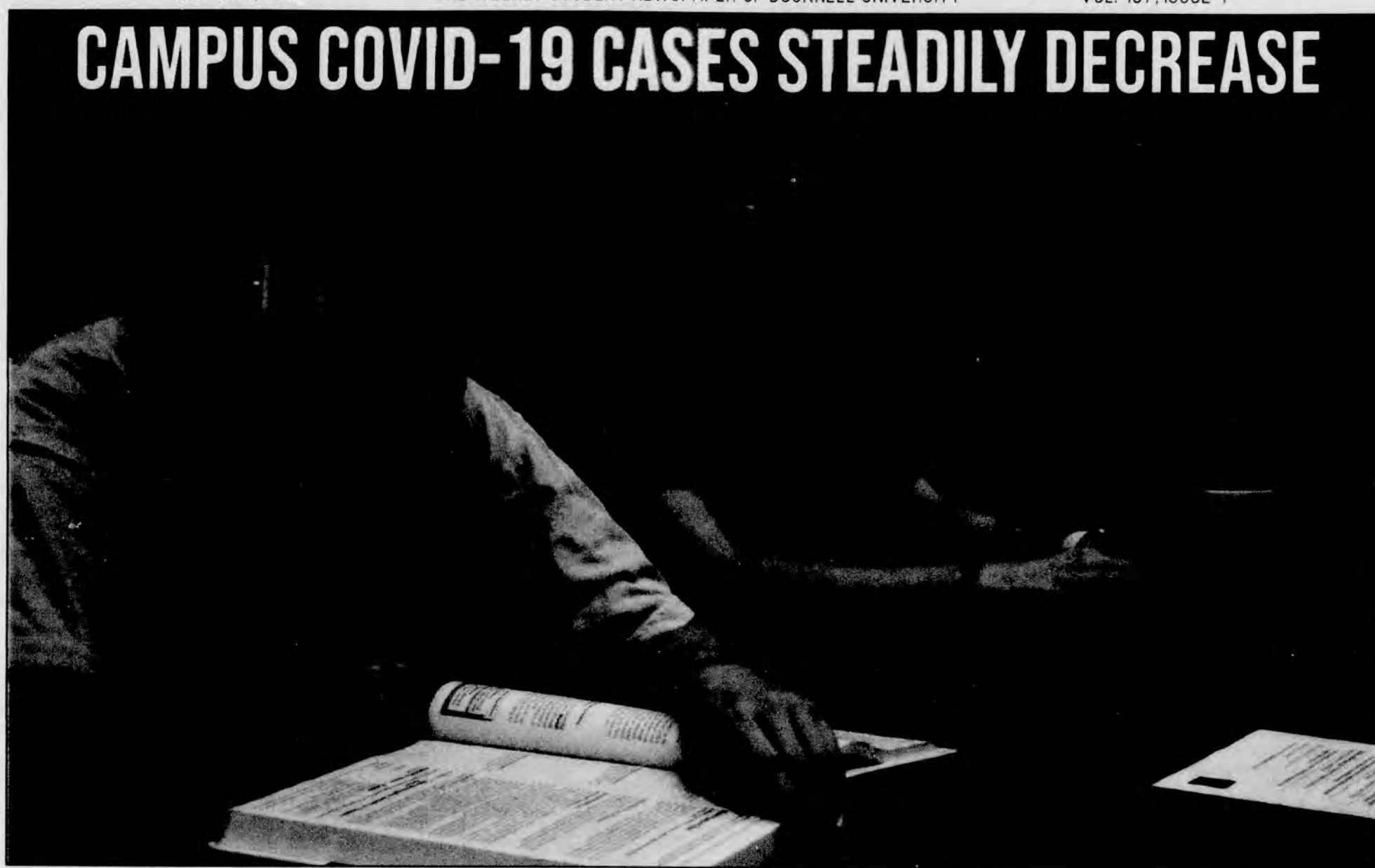


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Tori Kline '23 and Caroline Insley '23 mask up and study in the library

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Ally Lima  
Contributing Writer

As the University surpasses the one-month mark of students returning to campus, the drastic spike in COVID-19 cases that has disrupted a smooth transition into the semester finally seems to be on the downturn. With the dashboard showing 25 new positive results from Feb. 21 - Feb. 27 as compared to the previous week's

131, students are hopeful that campus will soon return to a bit of normalcy beginning with the return to in-person classes and activities. University President John Bravman shares these sentiments, as he states in his most recent email that the decline in cases, "is encouraging news and demonstrates the impact of our collective efforts to keep our community safe." The student body, as

well as faculty and staff, have shown that their compliance with the shifting restrictions has proven to be effective. With the spread of COVID-19 slowing down, Bravman and the administration have made it clear that it is just as important as ever that the students continue to adhere to the guidelines that are in place in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. This includes both students on campus as well as those in the hotel or

other quarantine housing.

One aspect of the COVID-19 spike that has proven to be challenging is the quarantine period in the hotel for students who have tested positive or have been identified as a close contact. The University has made it clear that there is a zero-tolerance policy for students who do not follow the restrictions that are in place.

In the most recent email sent out from Bravman, he

reiterates that, "students in isolation or quarantine housing are not permitted to have any guests in their rooms. This includes other students in isolation or quarantine housing." The consequence for failure to comply with these regulations is the student in question being sent home to complete the semester remotely. The administration has proven that they will not hesitate to imple-

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## Local businesses hit hard by University dining restrictions

Bob Feeney  
Contributing Writer

As COVID-19 cases on campus rose to unprecedented levels and classes went totally remote in an ensuing "shutdown," little-noticed restrictions were also put in place to prevent dining off-campus. In an email to the student body, University President John Bravman noted that, "[d]ining or drinking in off-campus restaurants, bars or other establishments is a high-risk activity and is strongly discouraged at this time. It's especially important to avoid establishments that are not following state policies on social distancing" — adding a personal plea — "[p]lease:

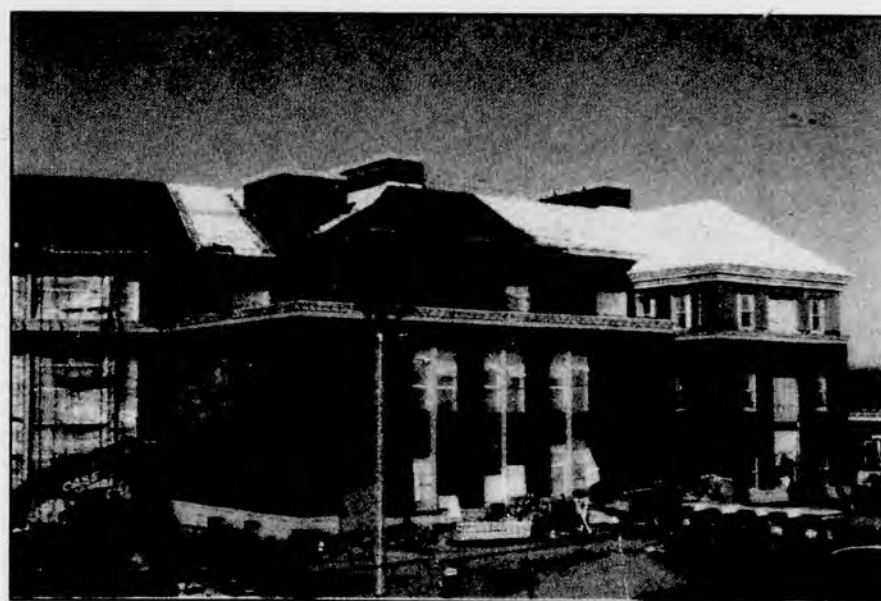
For the health and safety of the Lewisburg community, I am asking you to abide by this restriction at this time, recognizing that this may impinge on many of you and many local business owners as well."

A manager of Matty's Bar and Grill in Lewisburg described the effects of shutdown on his restaurant succinctly. "We're fortunate that we are connected to a hotel, so we often see business from students, but we did see an effect on the amount of customers following the email last week."

When asked about the same restrictions and how they have affected business, Dave Smith of Mancini's

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## What's up with the new management building?



MADDIE HAMILTON | THE BUCKNELLIAN Construction underway on new management and art building

Juliana Collins  
Contributing Writer

On Feb. 15, 2019 the Board of Trustees approved the construction of a new management and art building to contribute to the Freeman College of Management and Department of Art & Art History at the University. The anticipated cost of the construction is \$49.6 million, the University has received a tremendous amount of support for seeking to deepen the connection to a liberal arts education through initiatives like this shared space.

The new building will house labs, art studios and an expansion of management curriculum that students will be encouraged to take. The building will also consist of resources for the Department of Art & Art History like studio spaces, photography labs, drawing studios, digital art labs and faculty offices.

As of now, the building is scheduled to open at the start of the next academic year in August 2021. Faculty are tentatively moving into their new offices around July of this year. The facilities group is making great

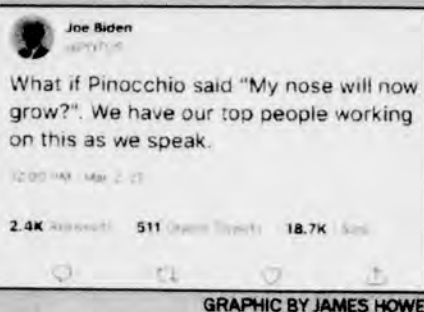
progress on the interior, with virtually all drywall being installed, painting continuing as scheduled, and furniture arriving sometime in early March.

Associate Dean for the Freeman College of Management Mihai Banciu described that the arts area of the building will have dedicated spaces for drawing, digital art, photography and 3D printing, while the management side will supply redesigned space for MGMT 101 students, a dedicated finance lab with access to Bloomberg terminals and re-

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### FOR SATIRE

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GRAPHIC BY JAMES HOWE



## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

Indonesian volcano Mount Sinabung erupted on Tuesday, March 2, sending ash clouds up to three miles in the air. The volcano was inactive for centuries and first began to spark up in 2010. No injuries have been reported from the eruption.

The UK government has stood by its decision to reduce Humanitarian aid to Yemen. The UK will rollback its £164 million contribution given in 2019-2020 to £87 million for the foreseeable future. Years of intense conflict in Yemen has left an estimated two-thirds of the population relying on humanitarian aid.

## DOMESTIC

U.S. President Joe Biden says doses of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine could be available for the entire American adult population by the end of May 2021. Biden previously claimed it would not be until the end of July that there would be enough doses for this population, however on Tuesday, March 2, the President said the faster production of the vaccine — thanks to a deal between Merck & Co. and the White House — will allow for more rapid production.

Texas governor Greg Abbott announced on Tuesday that the state will be lifting its state wide mask mandate and allowing businesses to fully reopen with no capacity limits. Abbott's rollback will go into effect next Wednesday, March 10. In opposition to the order, some businesses such as Target and Macy's announced that they will continue to require customers and workers to wear masks.

## A "day in the life" of a Community Director

Ellie Lowe  
Contributing Writer

Most students have probably heard of the Residential Education program. For those who have not, Residential Education — often referred to as ResEd — is an office on campus designed to help students become engaged in the community, and ensure that each student's experience with residential housing is fun and constructive. ResEd is composed of residential advisors, six community directors and a Director of Residential Education.

Plenty of students likely wonder what it's like to contribute to ResEd's complex and comprehensive services. To provide an in-depth look into this job, Jillian Padilla, the community director for Roberts, Trax, Kress, and McDonnell, has shared with the Bucknellian an average day in her life.

Padilla starts her day by making coffee and checking up on stu-

dents who have been placed into quarantine. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the job of a community director has evolved; not only are they charged with helping build community and watching over residence halls, but also with helping students who are quarantining or in isolation get through that difficult experience. This part of her day includes seeing if a student is ready to be released, sending check-in emails or phone calls and answering any questions these students might have regarding University quarantine policy.

After checking in with quarantined and isolated students, Padilla then has a daily meeting over Zoom with the other community directors (CDs). During this time, the CDs check in with IT, Student Health and other members of the University that help support students.

The bulk of Padilla's day is spent checking emails, answering student questions and having one-

on-one meetings over Zoom with her residential advisor staff. She also spends a lot of time checking in with facilities to ensure all four of the buildings she oversees are running smoothly.

"My favorite part of my day is chatting with the RAs and seeing how they are doing, how classes are going and how they are building community in their residence halls," Padilla said.

The pandemic has made most people's days — whether they be students or faculty and staff — heavily reliant on Zoom software. Although Zoom has become useful during this pandemic, it has also complicated campus interactions and building community in a socially-distanced world.

"Since switching to Zoom, it's harder to see staff around campus. Getting to know new staff members, being a [source of] support and helping them through challenges is what I look most forward to," she said.

With the semester now in full-swing, many students, faculty and staff alike are feeling the weight of clubs, extracurriculars, and schoolwork. CD Padilla has found that balancing a work-life balance is important. To achieve this, she has found that having a morning routine helps make it easier to start the day off on the right foot. For her, this includes waking up and reading, drinking coffee and walking her dog Benny; she also likes to write a list of things she wants to do to make sure she's checking in with herself throughout the day.

"I make sure to tune in with myself so I can always be ready to be a support and available for my staff and the residents," she said.

Although Padilla and the rest of the ResEd staff have taken on a different role throughout the pandemic, they want students to know that they are still here to support them.

## COVID CASES DECLINE

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ment these consequences to those who do not adhere to the regulations.

It is no question that the 10-14 day quarantine period in the hotel is not an easy feat, and can surely get lonely. "My favorite time of the day [in isolation] was waving to friendly faces through my window while they were taking their daily outdoor time," Colette Hughes '23

said. It is clear that the quarantining students are doing their best to remain sane during their time in the hotel while also adhering to the regulations. By continuing to do so and remaining safe in every way possible while in the hotel or quarantine housing, the University campus will certainly continue to display the positive effects of this perseverance.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES

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Italian Restaurant on Market Street noted that, "although I was unaware of the campus restrictions, yes, I've noticed a slowdown in student diners. I also have had many reservations from students that either cancelled or didn't show — which is a major cost as we are already limited to 50 percent capacity."

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an environment on campus and in the local community that clearly different from previous academic years, severely limiting the number of events and opportunities local restaurants are able to cater. With the restrictions imposed on campus regarding off-campus dining, an even greater

loss of traffic was suffered by Lewisburg restaurants.

"The catering has been basically gone as a fairly large portion of our revenue was sports and other catering. With the sports being basically cancelled, I have lost both Bucknell and visiting teams as well as other swim and track meets that have cancelled," Smith said.

While there is still a restriction on dining off-campus due to risk of COVID-19 transmission in town, students are still able to support local restaurants by ordering delivery or purchasing take-out meals from restaurants in the local area — most of which offer one or both options.

## MANAGEMENT

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al-time market information running on a physical ticker tape, an enhanced MIDE design studio with ample space for ideation and critique and a new analytics lab with state-of-the-art technology.

"The MIDE studio will be situated on the third floor, between two art spaces, which will give that entire floor a very creative vibe. We will also have a dedicated exhibition space on the first floor. The building will also have a 200-seat auditorium, which, like all the classrooms in the building will be open for programming at the uni-

versity level," Banciu said.

Besides faculty, students of the Freeman College of Management are also very eager to take advantage of the new Management building and utilize all the resources it proposes to offer.

"As a sophomore, I will be able to get two full years and could not be more excited. Walking by the building this year, it is evident how much work the University is putting in for us students, which only adds to the excitement," Paul Monaco '23 said. "I can't wait to get inside and hit the books!"

## Campus mourns the loss of Irene Njuguna

Kaitlin Bonacci  
Editor-In-Chief

On Saturday, Feb. 20 the University community was informed of the death of Irene Njuguna after contracting COVID-19. Njuguna worked for the University Dining Services Team for 15 years and was recently named "Most Popular Team Member" in a student contest. Born in Ke-

nya, Njuguna migrated to the United States with her family in 2005, and started working for the University. She is described as a beacon of light, always having a smile on her face, and went out of her way to learn other languages to greet students. Donations can be made to be put towards her funeral expenses through GoFundMe: <https://gofundme/1b7a3acd>.

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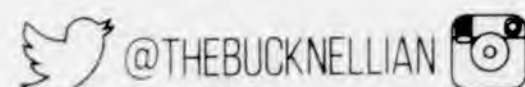
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## Breaking: Guy who gets zero playing time is furious about postponement of spring sports



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As the pandemic rages into its second year and disrupts every plan in its path, all student athletes must feel personally attacked by the prospect of even a single game being cancelled or postponed.

One player in particular — Noah Good '21, member of the University baseball team — is extremely frustrated and has been particularly vocal about his feelings, despite getting absolutely zero playing time.

"This is an absolutely disgusting display of bureaucratic overreach," Good, also a certified mansplainer and multifaceted "Renaissance man," explained to reporters. "My boys and I need to [play baseball] to live, and I can't even, like, know what it will be like if we go a weekend without it. What will give us the motivation to rage?"

Good's striking athletic career has featured exactly three minutes of playing time, making him a perennial asset to the team's bench. Thankfully his spot has been secured by his great contribution to boosting team morale, as well as his

father-son relationship with the head coach.

Unfortunately, some of Good's teammates fail to relate to his disappointment and rage, despite his willingness to speak on their behalf regarding the issue.

Star player and captain of the team Phil Omenal '21 understands if cancellation is the course the season must take in response to a potential COVID-19 outbreak. "Sometimes I wish they would just decide to do it now so I could let go of the constant pressure weighing me down to keep this team alive." The University baseball team had a record of 1-16. Other teams ceased extending an invitation in order to save face from being seen associated with their subpar display of athleticism.

All in all, the Bucknellian hopes the University makes the choice that is best for the team while simultaneously providing a platform for Good to express his unsolicited opinions on the matter.

Be sure to check out the University baseball roster to identify Good — if you are unable to get a clear view of the dugout.

## There are more important things than the pandemic!

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

Over the last week, world leaders have demonstrated a dramatic shift in attitudes toward the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Almost suspiciously at the same time, they have started to come out and share with the media that there are "much more important things" than the pandemic.

One of the first to speak on this drastic shift in attitude was the President of the United States. He got the ball rolling by asking the important question of: "WHY is the world do we BAKE cookies and COOK bacon? Why must we PARK on driveways and DRIVE on parkways?" The president then threatened to stop the forward momentum of the plan to vaccinate and protect Americans against the coronavirus "unless someone figures out an answer quickly so I can go to sleep."

Soon after, the Queen of Ireland came forward, stating that she "can't seem to stop thinking about how straws actually only have one hole, not two." She added that although this might seem like common knowledge, she hasn't had time to sit around and just think about stuff like that until the pandemic. (She declined to comment (and looked like she was going to be sick) when prompted about the fact that you can always see your nose, but your brain

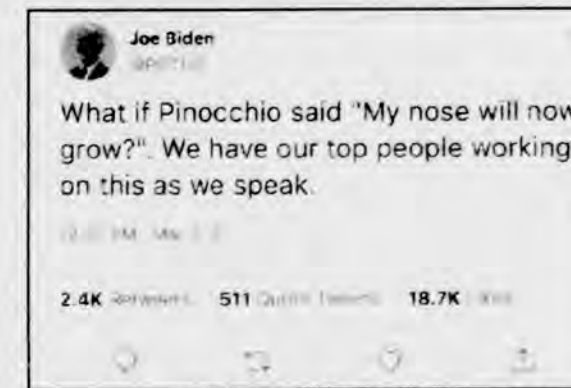
chooses to ignore it.

Pope Francis, also known as the Sovereign of Vatican City, was seen crying outside of church because he doesn't understand "why God would make there exist more atoms in a teaspoon of water than there are teaspoons of water in the ocean." It appeared to be too much for him to handle, as he actually went inside to get a teaspoon of water and broke down at the sight of it (to be fair to God, it would take a very long time to empty all those teaspoons in the ocean).

King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden experienced a similar reaction upon discovering that he cannot think of a new color that does not already exist. Upon finding this out, he ran from the room, yelling, "Helig fan! Vad fan! Jag kan inte tro den här skiten!" Trusted sources say he is a "little bit worked up right now," and assure those worried by his reaction that "he will be okay after he takes a nap."

Ireland is in a state of disarray after President Michael D. Higgins announced that "nothing, absolutely nothing" is more important than the fact that "BARCODE SCANNERS SCAN THE WHITE PART, NOT THE [redacted] BLACK PART!" The whole country re-imposed lockdown to protect citizens from this terrifying news. And here they thought staying in their rooms for months was coming to an end!

## Professors angry about reduction in COVID cases



GRAPHIC BY JAMES HOWE, GRAPHICS ARTIST

Maximus Bean  
Staff Writer

Professors, Irises, and other people with pupils are protesting the newest in-person allowances set by the University. Many are concerned not just with the wording of the latest email ("You didn't even need to be stuck inside the whole time loljk, it was just a social experiment"), but also how the newest strain of COVID-19 will square against students who just want to have a good time — with its underage drinking and rampant coughing. Classes, classrooms and those who inhabit them have another issue altogether.

Professors, on the other hand, are overcome with annoyance regarding the new-found requirement to drive all the way to campus in order to teach. Under normal (pandemic) conditions, they could just sit around in pajamas all day and issue homework and assignments online. Now, however, it's clear that a "new normal" is afoot, and some professors aren't having it. Frustrated by the dreadful 10-minute commutes, some teachers have resorted to protest and acts of civil disobedience. Of these teachers, there are a few who have chosen to keep their standard online class regardless of student opinion. Others have indeed gone to their respective classes, but have found ways to circumvent the rules and regulations. Examples of such delinquency are described below, after a short trigger warning.

One side note I have, of course, is that I totally condemn the actions taken, and

thus wish to communicate their tragic nature to you, the reader, in warning you of what may come. For these purposes alone, I will omit the names of these particular teachers for the safety of them and their students. We must ask ourselves in these troubled times whether it is justified to risk the safety of some for the safety of all, and I have no clear answer on it. I can only address what has been reported to me to be factually accurate from an anonymous source. Have caution — this is your last warning to turn away now, or else an empty pit of despair will form in your heart, rendering you numb to the rest of life's pleasures in the face of this treasonous behavior.

Within these so-called "rebellious classes," the professors allowed their students into class without wearing any masks. It is truly tragic that I am to report this, however I am a journalist above all else, and integrity is my strength — right behind my ability to lie without blinking. It was also reported that a fraction of these teachers, recalcitrant as they might be, went so far as to put their students in groups for supposed "discussions" on topics they had read about for class. Obviously, this was a ploy meant to circulate the dreaded COVID-19 and return things to their former squalor. I understand that this is as hard to read for you as it was for me. I nearly cried when I was first notified. Alas! The truth may sometimes punish a man to the depths of his soul. I can only wish for such matters to be settled without human lives being put on the line.

## Animal Behavior department announces plan to stop parties by releasing "the research monkeys"

Nabeel Jan  
Staff Writer

LEWISBURG — In an attempt to keep infection rates low and prevent transmission of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the animal behavior department, in collaboration with Public Safety, the President's office, and the local police department will start releasing the research chimpanzees across campus during weekend hours when partying is at its peak. Originally proposed as a psychological warfare tactic by a sadistic first-year in a political science class, the plan in-

cludes depriving the monkeys of food and other necessities for approximately 12 hours before their release. The proposal would let them roam campus from 10:00 p.m. on Friday until 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, as well as 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. They will be driven to drop-off locations around campus and let out to hunt COVID-19 restriction violators. Professors have been quiet about discussing concrete details regarding the plan to ensure they can take wandering students by surprise.

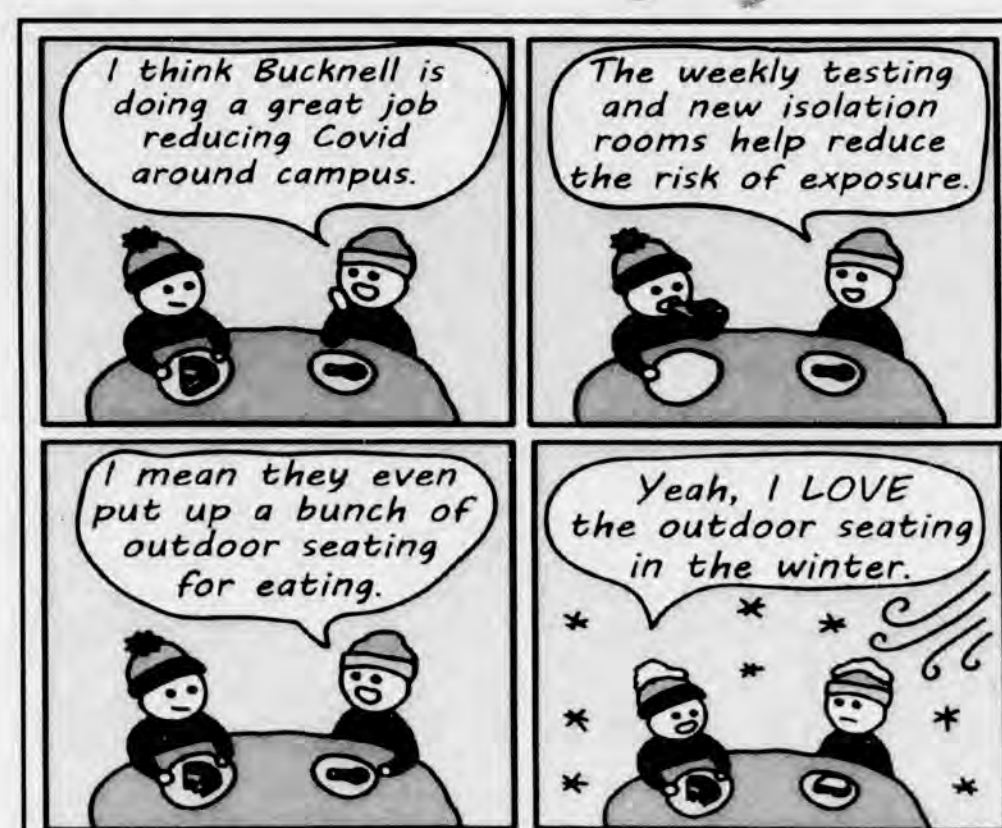
"Hopefully this Chimp plan will stop the kids from monkeying around," said Professor Boe

Ring, smirking, to a deafeningly silent class. Another mentioned, "The scariest thing I could imagine as a drunk 20-year-old is hearing and then subsequently seeing a hungry, furious primate run at you with hate in its eyes. Good luck if you think a blue light will save you, half of them don't work!" A representative from the local police said this program "seems excessive, but it's preferable to being vomited on by a teen who probably has COVID-19, along with two or three STDs."

Advocates for this plan are hopeful it will keep kids inside and away from others.

The history department has begun dropping leaflets near dorms warning students of the new policy and a source within the University's maintenance department leaked that the salt being sprayed on icy sidewalks contains chemicals that attract the primates. Critics have warned of the possible downsides including injury and death of students, but no attention has been paid to their warnings. Early reports show certain upperclassmen groups have begun training campus squirrels as first lines of defense due to their brave, unflinchingly loyal tendencies.

## Kyle's Corner



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHICS ARTIST

## E-week? Never heard of her

Sarah Petrich  
Staff Writer

For those of you who don't know (and neither did I until about 10 minutes ago), E-week is a weeklong event at the University in which students in each of the engineering disciplines participate in contests to determine which discipline is the best. As far as I know, the ultimate prize is just a year's bragging rights. It's basically the Super Bowl for nerds.

You may be wondering, "How do you win these contests?" To be honest with you, I don't really know. My guess would be that it has something to do with chemistry? Computer science? Maybe physics? I would ask someone, but I don't think it's worth it because I probably still wouldn't understand. The entire concept of engineering goes right over my head. Way beyond my academic capability. And I think most people can say the same, which is why no one is aware of this whole E-week extravaganza.

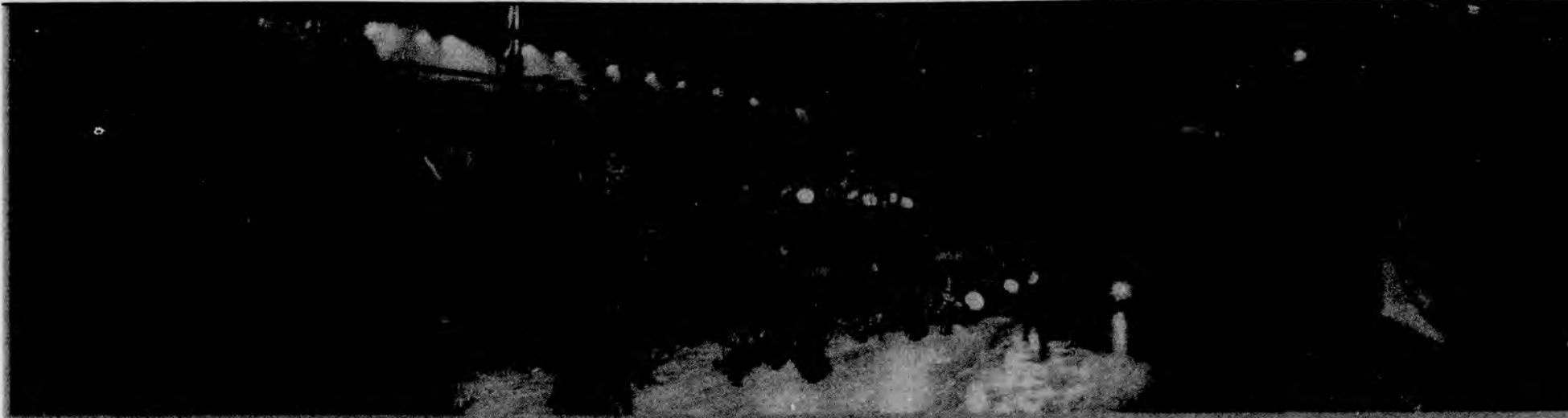
Engineering students were SHOCKED to hear that no one cared about their week. Absolutely baffled by the fact that their friends weren't en-

amored by centrifugal force or chemical reactions or even quantum physics. These are things that make the world go round! To an engineer, what makes your car go is a process of heating and cooling and mechanics of all sorts. To the rest of us, what makes your car go is the fact that you put in the key and hit the gas.

That being said, the rest of us would most definitely lose this E-week thing because one of the first challenges they have is to see which discipline can build a car the fastest. Other activities include developing a medicine to cure all diseases, building a bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, traveling to Saturn, creating a blueprint for flying cars, determining the meaning of life and last, but not least, developing a code to hack into DUO Push and deactivate it forever ('ray!'). Easy right? Maybe for engineers it is, but certainly not for the rest of us.

Despite the fact that no one cares about their week, and that they are getting constant hate for not going to parties because they have too much homework, we are grateful for our engineers because we would be nowhere without them.





## THE PURPOSE OF ART

Nicole Yeager  
Special Features Editor

Art is one of the few things that is continuously evolving and enduring, even in times of unprecedented hardship. Owing to feelings of isolation, uncertainty and restriction arising from the pandemic, it can be difficult to find the beauty in

things; nevertheless, the University's Weis Center for the Performing Arts has found new and innovative ways of meeting their goal of inspiring the community and upholding their promise to deliver shared experiences through artful performances.

Through their "sessions," "snaps" and "streams," the Weis Center brings these

performances right into the homes of all University community members. This at-home approach gives people the sense of connection they are missing while also sparking important thinking and conversations through music, dance, poetry and other forms of artistic expression.

"Since we are no longer able to gather

together to experience live performing arts this year, we seized the opportunity to showcase the talents of members of the Bucknell community through these series," Executive Director of the Weis Center Kathryn Maguet said. "It's been a great opportunity for performers and speakers to share their work through a virtual platform."

## SESSIONS

The Weis Center Sessions, according to their website, are "a performance series capturing the talent of the Bucknell community." They are recorded and produced by the Weis Center, and they feature a wide variety of musical, vocal, dance, poetry and spoken word readings or performances and much more. Recorded sessions are released on a weekly basis through a YouTube playlist that can be found on their website.

"Having not been able to host performances since the pandemic hit, the Weis Center Sessions have enabled us to continue to showcase the Center's beauty and technical capabilities all while highlighting the incredible talent we have on campus," Technical Director at the Weis Center Kalen Sowul said.

Each individual or group gets to perform on the Weis Center stage underneath professional lightwork and cameras. The artist is allowed to perform as many times as possible; they even get a say in the look and feel of their recorded session. Therefore, these sessions feature a very comfortable and personal – yet professional – style.

Sowul further explained that they "have an array of lighting fixtures and microphones in the building that would typically be used for our many live performing arts events. Using the equipment already in place and switching gears into a more 'studio' feel has been an exciting change of pace."

A handful of these sessions feature established artists and musicians: the band Nine Degrees of Syncopation; Ryan Flannery and Taylor Fleming from the Ryan Flannery group; and Flora and the Gleaners.

The most notable part of the Weis Center Sessions, however, is the featured students, professors and faculty who share their artistic talents with the rest of the community. For these, the Weis Center directors and other staff often reach out to dance, theatre, music and creative writing professors to find talented community members throughout campus. Students, professors and faculty are then contacted through these connections and asked if they would be interested in recording a "session" with their form of art.

Some notable sessions by professors include: Qing Jiang, Assistant Professor of Music, playing the piano; Joe Scapellato and Dustyn Martincich performing together with a joint poetry reading and interpretive dance; and Carl Kirby, Professor of Geology, playing guitar with Steve Catania.

"I've so missed attending events at the Weis Center, and I think the sessions are a fantastic way to showcase the talents of the Bucknell community and to offer cultural opportunities for folks here and all over. It was a great experience to get to be on the stage there and to share my novel 'The Rosemary Spell,'" Professor of English Virginia Zimmerman said.

Writing Center Director Deirdre O'Connor also read her original poem, "The Obstacles." Reflecting on her experience, she said, "I've really enjoyed reading for the Weis Center Sessions, especially getting to read some new pandemic-related poems. I love this method of sharing poetry with our community," she added.

Director of the Stadler Center Chet'la Seebree echoed these sentiments and noted, "I recorded my session when things were still largely shut down last year in

May; it was one of the first times I'd left my house for anything other than groceries or a walk. It was a sort of surreal experience reading to an empty auditorium, but I loved knowing it was an opportunity for me to connect with the larger Bucknell community. The Weis Center was really at the forefront of showing us all what we can do programming-wise to connect in the midst of the pandemic."

Notable student sessions include: Quentin Andrews '24 reciting "I'll Be Your Mechanic;" Nora Kamerow '21 reading her original poem "Defining Beauty;" Chiara Evans '21 and Clare Merante '21 performing a dance number; Sami Wurm '22 singing "10 Minutes 'Till Sunrise;" and Jaden Lee '22 and Ryan Bailis '21 playing "The Manger" on the piano and the cello.

Andrews said of his experience, "It was a special experience where I could express myself and have a professional tech team behind me to help bring my imagination to light. Something I look forward to doing again!"

Kamerow also expressed that she enjoyed her experience. "Everyone I worked with was very pleasant and supportive—especially since I had never read my poetry allowed for the public before (unless it was in class, of course). I appreciated the opportunity to share some pieces I'd been working hard on for a class and found it gratifying to culminate the semester with the Weis Center," Kamerow said.

Andrei Bucaloiu '22 also shared his thoughts following his session: "Reading my poetry up on the Weis Center stage was such a cool and unique experience. I know how special it feels to sit in the

audience and watch my talented peers perform on the same stage as famous artists, so getting to go up there myself to read one of my poems was an honor and a valuable opportunity." In his session, Bucaloiu read his original poem "With Age."

Dancer Evans expressed similar sentiments and gratitude, "I was lucky enough to get to participate in two different Weis Center Sessions, and it was truly a privilege. It was such an innovative way to showcase some of the amazing artists in the Bucknell community in a COVID-safe manner, and I loved getting to add what I'm passionate about. Watching and participating in the Weis Center Sessions was a definite highlight to the semester for me."

"For me, music is one of the most important parts of life on campus, and being able to record a Weis Center Session was a wonderful opportunity to finally play music at Bucknell again," Ian Herdt '22, who played guitar in his session, said. "Even if it was to an empty music hall, I very much enjoyed being able to perform again and stay musically involved on campus!"

"To be able to perform music for an audience, even if asynchronously, is a huge privilege for musicians. As a non-music major, I feel even more blessed for these opportunities," Lee said.

"The Weis Center's highly talented production staff produces these professional recordings which have received tremendous response from the Bucknell community and beyond. Creating these programs has been highly satisfying. Every week it's something different – everything from uilleann pipes, tap dance, poetry, jazz guitar to inspirational talks about miracles," Maguet said.

## SNAPS

Similar to the sessions, the Weis Center Snaps is a series of performances that feature faculty and staff "displaying a passion for their craft with 3-5 minute snap talks." They are also professionally

produced on the Weis Center stage.

There are currently four "snaps" on the YouTube playlist: "What is a Miracle?" by Professor of Physics and Astronomy Tom Solomon; "Preserving Digital Media" by Samek

Art Museum Director Richard Rinehart; "Seeing is Believing" by Professor of Chemistry Pat Martino and Chemistry Laboratory Director David Rovnyak; and "Transferable Skills" by alumnus Patrick Flannery.

Each snap utilizes a different approach, with some even featuring various props such as lab coats and goggles. Yet all of them showcase the broad range of skills and knowledge of our faculty and staff here on campus.

## STREAMS

Different from the sessions and snaps, the Weis Center Streams take the place of some of the larger performances and events that they would typically present in a normal semester. Each stream is either pre-recorded or live streamed, resulting in either one day viewing availability or up to a week of streaming access. They are typically sponsored or organized by outside organizations and groups.

For the 2021 season, there are two streams that have already passed. The first one, featured in the World Music and Dance category, was titled "Stono Rebellion" and performed by Step Afrika! a dance company dedicated to the African-American tradition of "stepping" fused with South African Gumboot Dancing. This performance took place from Feb. 8-21, during which free streaming access was available to all students and faculty through a ticket registration. The stream also included a pre-performance talk with the Artistic Director and a post-

show talk with members of the University and Lewisburg communities.

The second stream was a performance titled "The Snail and the Whale" categorized as Family Discovery and suggested for younger children within the community. As an educational resource, it came with a study guide and activities link; this performance streamed from Jan. 22-24 also along with a ticket.

The stream that is currently being featured from Feb. 24 to March 2 is "This is Me: Letters from the Front Lines," a Contemporary Dance Film created by DIAVOLO. They are "a creative movement production company that pushes the envelope of innovation by creating unique live & cinematic experiences. Using custom-made architectural structures, DIAVOLO intersects storytelling, movement and architecture with an inventive and visceral approach."

This performance revolves around the Covid-19 pandemic in a very unique,

interesting and inspiring way. The film focuses on the stories of healthcare workers as well as other frontline workers in order to present a poignant, significant conversation from their perspectives; the film is shown through a Weis Center Stream through sponsorship by Geisinger and Evangelical Community Hospital.

A 25 minute pre-performance panel discussion opens up the stream, featuring professors and faculty from the University, medical staff from Geisinger and Evangelical and staff from DIAVOLO. They discuss a wide range of hot topics and articulate many quote-worthy sentiments on the difficult topic: the challenges of healthcare workers, the countless issues all individuals are facing as a result of the pandemic, the relationship between individual and community that is being highlighted and much more. As Professor of Chemistry David Rovnyak, articulates, "This is Me: Letters from the Front Lines" showcases the roles of "art

and performance as a medium for healing, as a medium for helping us have conversations, as a medium for giving people voices."

The film opens up with the following quote: "We brought together respected members of the medical field. Here are their stories."

Through a mixture of movement and dance, the seven individuals – ranging in occupation, from nursing student to US Navy and Air Force officers to vascular surgeon – and their stories and perspectives are highlighted. An overarching theme of this performance is: we all have roles to play in this pandemic – healthcare providers and essential workers are serving at the frontlines, while the rest of us must stay "behind the scenes" and do our part.

"This is Me: Letters from the Front Lines" is just one instance of how an art in the form of performance can educate, enlighten and spark conversation.



# BUCKNELLIAN SPORTS

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL REGULAR SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

RILEY DEBAECKE | THE BUCKNELLIAN Andrew Funk '22 drives to the basket against American University.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MARCH 5

#### VOLEYBALL

@ AMERICAN ON MARCH 5

AT 7 PM

#### MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

@ COLGATE ON MARCH 6

AT 12 PM

#### SOFTBALL

VS DREXEL ON MARCH 6

AT 12 PM

VS DREXEL ON MARCH 6

AT 2 PM

#### BASEBALL

VS LA SALLE ON MARCH 6

AT 12 PM

VS LA SALLE ON MARCH 6

AT 3 PM

#### MEN'S SOCCER

VS LAFAYETTE ON MARCH 6

AT 1 PM

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ LAFAYETTE ON MARCH 6

AT 2 PM

#### MEN'S TENNIS

VS MONMOUTH ON MARCH 6

AT 2 PM

VS ST. FRANCIS ON MARCH 6

AT 6 PM

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

VS ST. FRANCIS ON MARCH 7

AT 1 PM

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

@ LAFAYETTE (PL QUARTERFINALS) ON MARCH 6

AT 2 PM

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

VS LOYOLA ON MARCH 7

AT 4 PM

#### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

VS ST. BONAVENTURE ON MARCH 6

AT 4 PM

#### FIELD HOCKEY

VS COLGATE ON MARCH 7

AT 1 PM

Emily Doyle  
Contributing Writer

Men's basketball played American University this past weekend on Feb. 27 and 28 to finish out their regular season after a four week hiatus due to COVID-19. The virus struck the team just before the end of the season. Even though COVID took a turn on their season, men's basketball came back and fought hard in their last two regular season games. The Bison closed out their regular season with a 4-6 record. The Bison first took on

AU at home, in Sojka Pavilion, on Saturday Feb. 27. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 on campus, the team only started to practice two days prior to their game. Despite this, the team started strong, showed confidence, and played well. Freshman phenom Deuce Turner '24 had 21 points against American, setting a new career high. Even though the Bison put forth a strong effort, they lost with a final score of 78-71.

"This past weekend was interesting because we were missing big pieces for our team and we all were shaky

given that we hadn't played in a month and just gotten out of quarantine a week prior," Turner said. "We didn't play as well as we hoped, but that's expected given the circumstances. The playoffs should be a different story because we will have all of our guys back. We play Lafayette which beat us twice so hopefully Coach Davis and the coaching staff see the adjustments we need to make and we will work on those this coming week."

The Bison quickly rested and played American again on Sunday, Feb. 28 in Wash-

ington, D.C. Heading into their final game of the regular season, the Bison were excited, strong, and confident. Xander Rice '23 led the team this Sunday with 16 points. Andrew Funk '22 earned the second highest points against American, adding 13 points to the scoreboard. The Bison played well, however ended up losing to American 81-68.

Funk remarked, "Even though we lost two games this weekend it was great to be back out there after almost a month without playing. We could have done a lot of things better, but there

were a lot of positives to be taken away. As far as the tournament this weekend, it'll be really nice to be able to get a full week of practice under our belts before playing Saturday. We know we just need to take it one game at a time, and this season especially, anyone can win on any given night."

The Blue and Orange are ranked No. 6 entering the Patriot League Tournament. The Bison will take on Lafayette College in the Patriot League Quarter Finals. The game will be hosted at Lafayette on March 6, starting at 2 p.m.

## Two Bison punch their tickets to the NCAA tournament at EIWA's

Roger Mellado  
Contributing Writer

The Bison wrestling team had a strong showing Friday, Feb. 26 at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) championship tournament, which was held at the Spooky Nook Sports Complex in Manheim, Pa. The team put up 84.5 total points, earning them sixth place in the conference. Two Bison wrestlers and roommates stood out on the mat: Zach Hartman '22 and Darren Miller '23 both earned bids to the NCAA Tournament to compete with the best wrestlers in the country.

Hartman came into the meet as one of the favored wrestlers in his weight class (165lbs). A two-time EIWA runner up, two-time national qualifier, and, prior to Friday, the eighth ranked wrestler in the country at 165 pounds, Hartman was ready to make his championship run. After handling his first bouts over Army and Drexel with ease, all Hartman had left in his sights was the wrestler who had forced him to take silver the year prior, Navy's Tanner Skidgel.

In true champion fashion, Hartman dominated yet again, beating Skidgel 9-0 with a majority of his points coming in dramatic fashion during the final period. Not only did Hartman finally earn his much anticipated gold finish, but he also won the coaches award for the EIWA's Championship Meet Outstanding Wrestler. Hartman is only the fourth Bison to earn

this coveted award, joining the prestigious ranks of none other than former Bison great and current assistant wrestling coach Kevin LeValley '11.

Hartman commented on his historic performance and the team's struggles throughout this whole season. "I personally felt that it was a struggle for all of us because of the uncertainty throughout the entire year, but at the end of the day, we pulled our straps up and took each day as it came to the fullest. I prize my guys for pushing through the way that they did and I couldn't have asked for more. We really grinded this season and although it didn't result in favor for a lot of guys, I saw them put their mind and soul out there on the mat. We were there for each other throughout it all, and that's what makes this team family," Hartman said.

What is more impressive than his performance on the mat, is his dedication to his teammates and to being a leader in the Bison wrestling room. "I honestly was more excited to see my roommate, Darren Miller, qualify for his first ever NCAA tournament than I was to win both my first championship and OW. It was a milestone for me to see one of my guys break through the way that he did, and it makes me genuinely happy as a leader. I prioritize leadership above everything, and so seeing that was the highlight of my tournament. It's easy for me to keep myself in check and do what I do, but it's more than any-

thing to see one of my brothers finally break through. I've found out that you can't do this alone, and so we are taking these next two weeks to fully prepare not only our bodies, but our minds. It's about family at the end of the day, and we share a bond like no other," Hartman said.

Miller took the 133 pound division by storm. Miller came out hot after a first round loss to Navy's Jacob Allen, going on a 4-0 run after his first round loss, securing a third place finish at the tournament, and punching his first ticket to the NCAA tournament. Miller will be joining Hartman on their business trip to the Enterprise center in St. Louis, Mo. on Mar. 18.

Overall, the Bison Wrestling team entered the EIWA's with a young lineup. The team only had two seniors, Matthew Kolonia '21 (149lbs) and Frankie Guida Jr. '21 at 174lbs, who led the charge. Following their lead were two juniors, Hartman at 165lbs and Brandon Seidman '22 at 125 pounds. Following them were four sophomores Vincent Andreano '23 (174), Jaden Fisher (157), Mason McCready '23 (197), and Miller (133). Rounding up the herd were two newcomers freshmen Dorian Crosby '24 (285) and Kurt Phipps '24 (141).

The future looks bright as the Bison's regular season comes to a close and two of the herd begin to prepare for their individual postseason competitions.

## Bison softball seizes another opportunity to be resilient

Clay Myers  
Contributing Writer

It's been over a year since Bison softball has stepped onto the field together, but that hasn't stopped the team's excitement and anticipation for the upcoming 2021 spring season. Coronavirus abruptly ended softball's 2020 season in Washington, DC after a hard fought game against George Washington University. Since then, Bison softball has been preparing by any means necessary for their next opportunity to compete.

Pitchers Raeanne Gelfert '20 and Lauren Lichtenwalner '20 graduated in 2020, leaving a sizable hole to fill in the pitching department. Lucky for the Bison, left-handed pitcher Kelly Toomey '23 transferred from DePaul University after the termination of DePaul's softball team and is looking to add some competitive diversity in the pitching rotation. A left-hander with an exceptional rise will certainly make it hard for any opponent to find their way on base. The Bison also experienced loss in the outfield when center-field star Allyse Volpe '22

transferred to UCF, but they hope to stay solid with multiple senior outfielders ready to step up.

As if a cancelled season, graduating pitchers, and an outfielder transferring was not enough, the Bison also went through a complete coaching change. Penn State's former pitching coach Sarah Caffrey is now at the helm as the Bison head coach. Bryce Neal has also been added as an assistant coach previously coaching at the University of Arizona Bison Softball is no stranger to coaching changes as this is their third coaching change in four years and seems to be resilient in times of adversity.

No adversity this team has seen in the past year has been able to stop them from keeping their spirits high. "We're super excited just to be able to play. Even though we're limited on who we can play and where we can travel, our coaches did a good job putting a competitive schedule together," third baseman Jazmyyn Stokes '21 said. "The Bison are most certainly looking forward to their season opener at home scheduled for Mar. 6 against Drexel University."



## Field hockey hopeful for the spring season



ALEX HAYLOCK | THE BUCKNELLIAN Sarah Hazard '21 dribbles the ball down the field in Fall 2019 game against Syracuse.

Laurel McHale  
Contributing Writer

The Bison field hockey team have been offered the tantalizing opportunity to play a complete season in the spring of 2021, an opportunity previously lost with the cancellation of their Fall 2020 season. The Bison finished third in the 2019 Patriot League rankings, falling short to Lafayette in the semifinal game last season. They finished the season with nine wins and nine losses, with an impressive four wins, and two of those losses in league play. Despite COVID-19 postponing the fall season, the Bison are striving for greatness this spring. "We are super excited and grateful as a team to have the opportunity to play," Kaelyn Long '21 said.

The Orange and Blue return top point leader Leah

Fogelsanger '21. In the 2019 season, Fogelsanger finished with seven goals and two assists. Emily Doyle '22 will also pose a threat on offense, finishing her 2019 campaign with seven goals as well. The backline of defense for the Bison return key starters Long and Erin Zielinski '22. After losing quality seniors in the midfield last season, Sarah Dimock '21 is poised to hold it down as a returning center midfielder. Seven incoming freshmen were also added to the roster, bringing more talented players to the equation for the Bison.

"Our team has been following the mantra 'control the controllables' in order to stay focused on our goals. We are striving to get better each day we get the chance to be on that field while prioritizing our safety," Long said.

The program welcomed a new assistant coach Alexa Ostoich this winter, which will add a new perspective and voice to the team. Ostoich most recently served as the head field hockey coach at the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pa., as well as a U16 coach for Shock Field Hockey Club in Glen Mills, Pa. Ostoich will be assistant to head coach Jeremy Cook, as they look forward to a successful spring season.

The Bison have a modified Patriot League schedule, with only six games scheduled before playoffs. They have their home opener against the Colgate Raiders at Graham Field at Holmes Stadium on Sunday, Mar. 7. The Bison will look to take it to the next level this spring season, and have an amazing opportunity to do so.

## Women's lacrosse scheduled to play first Patriot League game since 2019

Clara McCormick  
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team is finally beginning their season next weekend after two consecutive cancellations the prior week against Kent State and La Salle University. The season for the Bison slated to begin on the road at Navy on Mar. 7 has now been changed. The women's lacrosse team will now be facing Lafayette at home on Mar. 13.

In March 2020, the Orange and Blue were 3-5 when the season was postponed owing to the onset of the novel coronavirus outbreak. In fact, their season came to an abrupt halt just two days before they were to compete against the Navy; hence this matchup gave the Bison a chance to pick up right where they left off last season. The now-cancelled match against Navy would have marked the first time the Bison played against another Patriot League team since April 2019, when they

fell to Army West Point.

"This is now our third canceled game due to COVID-19, but I think our team is able to stay hopeful that we will get another game scheduled, or that we will have a game in the following week and continue to work hard towards that goal. Luckily we got a new game with St. Bonaventure for this Saturday, which will mark 360 days since our last game and we can't wait to officially start the season!" Julia Bradbury '21 said.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Bison will play a much-condensed schedule with only games against conference opponents to prepare for the Patriot League championships in early May. Despite the quick turnaround, the Bison should be prepared as they returned 29 players from their team last season.

Among the returning players are attackers Eve Calabria '21, the team's leading scorer last season with 30 points, and Caroline Walsh '21, who finished with 10

goals last season. In defense, Abby Neff '22 will look to keep opponents at bay after leading the team in ground balls last season. In goal, the duo of Caitlin Tucker '22 and Lauren Kinnee '21 will look to stop any shots that get by the Bison defense. In addition to the returning players, the Bison were also able to recruit 13 talented freshmen who will look to make an immediate impact.

"I'm most excited to just get back on the field and play. Our team has worked so hard through quarantine, summer, and this Fall and it'll all be worth it when we get to play in a game again. This Sunday we were scheduled to play Navy, but unfortunately they had to cancel the game due to a COVID-19 outbreak on their campus," Lydia Morgantini '21 said.

With almost a year since their last game, the Bison look to build on the success they sustained last season and prepare for a run at the 2021 Patriot League Championships.

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## Men's baseball looks to avenge cancelled season

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Staff Writer

Around this time, one year ago, the Patriot League canceled all remaining spring sports competitions due to fears surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. The Bison men's baseball team still had 29 games left on the schedule, posting a 4-12 overall record during the shortened season. The small sample size showed that the Bison are capable of playing with anyone. Most notably, they picked up a convincing 14-10 win on the road against Virginia, who is ranked 8th nationally entering this season. After only losing five players to graduation, the Orange and Blue are returning plenty of depth and appear poised to shake up the Patriot League.

I'm just looking forward to seeing the players compete. They have worked tremendously hard since we lost our season to COVID-19.

Last year, and deserve to play. I just want to see that come to fruition for them. The goal is always to win a Patriot League Championship, head coach Scott Heather said. We are a young, talented team and have a very tough schedule ahead of us. We will need to continue to get better week to week and be playing our best ball at the end of the year when the playoffs come.

Among those returning for the Bison is Chris Cammuzzo, 22, who led the Patriot League in RBIs last season. The outfielder started in all 10 games hitting 328 and showing what he is capable of at the plate. Peter Marren, 21, also started all 10 games in the 2020 season. Brendan Lowery, 22, left fielder, 23, and Kyle Lyons, 25, are all key returning players for the Orange and Blue.

Brandon Little, 21, will lead the starting pitching rotation. The dominant right-

hander will look to solidify his role as the ace, as playing at the next level is not beyond the realm of possibility. The Bison bolster a deep bullpen once again with the addition of five new arms this offseason. First-years Bryce Reimer, Connor Viorovich, Graeme Carroll and Nikhil Patel, as well as University of Richmond transfer Theo Larynick, 23.

If everything proceeds as scheduled, the Bison will face off with the Lehigh Mountain Hawks on three different weekends. This is a highly anticipated matchup against a very talented pitching staff, boasting multiple top MLB draft picks in its rotation. It will be fun for our players to rise to the challenge, Heather said.

The Bison will continue to face constant challenges on and off the field this season, but nothing will deter them from pursuing their first Patriot League Championship since 2014.

## Bison water polo swims away with two wins

Anna Carroll  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's water polo team jumped out to a 3-1 record in their 2021 season after taking home two victories against Fairleigh Dickinson and George Washington University this past weekend. Both games were nail biters, with the Bison coming out on top 9-7 against Fairleigh and 8-7 to GW. These games will be the Bison's final preparation for the upcoming MAWPC Championships, which will be held next weekend, March 6-7.

The Orange and Blue were locked at 3-3 with Fairleigh at the conclusion of the first quarter of their first match of the day. It was in the second quarter of the game when the Bison were able to take a lead with two unanswered goals making the score 5-3 at the end of the first half. In

the second half, the two teams battled back and forth, but the Bison were able to secure a shutout 8-7 win with three more goals in the second half.

The weekend was a great set of games for us, because we played two physical games against teams we will definitely be seeing in our championship games. A lot of players stepped up to reinforce our play style of getting the ball around and slowing down the game. Two wins always feels great, but our team is ready to keep the momentum going while we head into championships this weekend. Goalkeeper Adrien Jonoz, 23, said.

In a rematch from the 2019 MAWPC Championship, the Bison faced George Washington. The Bison pulled out a victory in the competitive matchup. The game proved to be a defensive battle between the two ranked

teams, but Jonoz gave the Bison the edge in the end.

The two teams went back and forth from start to finish, with neither team leading by more than two goals during the contest. The Bison were able to hold off GW's final charge to claim the victory with an incredible defensive show out and take a 8-7 over the Colonials.

We're just excited for the opportunity to play and have some fun with our best friends playing the sport we love to do most. Colby Paine, 23, said. Paine and the rest of the men's water polo team are excited to be able to have some games under their belt as they head into the championship portion of their short season.

The Bison will prepare this week for the MAWPC Championships, being held this upcoming weekend in Annapolis, Md. at the Naval Academy.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## DARREN MILLER '23 MEN'S WRESTLING

### PROFILE

HOMETOWN: VANDERGRIFT, PA  
HIGH SCHOOL: KISKI AREA

Holly Burris  
Senior Writer

This past weekend, Bison wrestler Darren Miller '23 was key to the University wrestling team's success at the EIWA Championship, placing third in the 133-pound weight class. With his top-three placement, Miller earned his first automatic bid to the NCAA Championships.

Miller has been consistently featured in the NCAA Coaches panel rankings this season. At the beginning of the season he was ranked 23rd in the 133-pound weight class, but climbed all the way to a 14th place rank, following strong consecutive performances.

Miller enjoyed a strong freshman season with the Orange and Blue, registering two pins with a 19-15 overall record. He was also one of three Bison to start every dual, represented the Bison at the EIWA Championships, and was included in the NCAA Coaches Panel Rankings in his first year.

The Pennsylvania na-

tive has been involved in wrestling from a very young age. "I am the athlete I am today from training hard since I was in first grade. But that doesn't happen without amazing support from friends and family. I had people that loved me and wanted to see me grow and pushed me to become better," Miller said.

While the Orange and Blue are finished with regular season competition, Miller is looking forward to representing the Bison at the upcoming NCAA Championships. He has seen much success all season, but is hungry for more.

"I would say I am very happy about my successes this year," Miller said, "but I am not satisfied. I am looking forward to NCAA and seeing how I perform."

Miller also shared the pride he has for this season's team leadership, all of his teammates have been committed to making sure everyone had the opportunity to compete despite the pandemic.

"Our team works hard on and off the mat, and I feel

like you can see this from how everyone performed at EIWA's and from our COVID test results. The entire team has been making sacrifices to stay COVID free and make sure we had a season, and that kind of sacrifice leads to positive outcomes."

### CAREER STATS

24 WINS  
11 DUAL  
COMPETITION WINS  
9 WINS AGAINST  
EIWA OPPONENTS  
1 NCAA  
TOURNAMENT  
APPEARANCE

# BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

## An unexpected men's college basketball contender

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In the 2019-2020 season, the Alabama men's basketball team went 8-10 in the SEC. Inconsistent play stained the team as they would win one and then lose one, or win two in a row lose two in a row. A team compiled with a balance of underclassmen and upper-level students with one or two graduate students, the Crimson Tide had difficulty finding their stride.

Once students were

sent home and seasons were cut short for all student-athletes, the Tide took advantage of the extra time and the ability to reflect on their season. Returning for the 2021 season, Alabama set its standards high. The tide was tested early on this season, losing to Stanford, Clemson and Western Kentucky. After regrouping and evaluating their shortcomings, the Tide rolled through the SEC. The team went on a nine-match winning streak from the week of Dec. 29 to Jan. 26, remaining at the

top of the SEC standings for most of the season. This past weekend, the Tide clinched the regular-season title with a 64-59 win over Mississippi State. This is the first regular-season title since the 2001-2002 season, ending the 20-year drought for the Alabama basketball program. Now at number five in the USA Today poll, the men are looking to carry their momentum forward as they head into their final two regular-season games and the SEC tournament.

The last Alabama team

to win a regular-season title was in the 2001-2002 season. The team was made up of a majority of underclassmen and only one senior leader. They went 27-8 in the SEC West and ended the season ranked eighth in the final AP poll. They made a great run in the NCAA tournament, defeating Florida Atlantic University but ultimately falling to Kent State out of the MAC (Mid American Conference). The only player on that year's roster that would eventually go to the NBA was Mo Williams, a 6'1 point and

shooting guard from Jackson, Miss. Williams played for the Utah Jazz, Milwaukee Bucks, Cleveland, Los Angeles Clippers, Portland, Minnesota and Charlotte. As a freshman on the 2001 squad, Williams averaged 10.4 points per game and 3.9 rebounds. His presence remained throughout his remaining years with the Tide, but he didn't realize his accomplishment as a rookie would be a difficult feat for many teams after him to reach.

This season, the Tide is ranked number one in the nation in field-goal attempts

and 21st in defensive rebounds per game. A critical returning piece for Alabama is sophomore guard Jaden Shackelford. After being named to the SEC all-freshman team, Shackelford has improved his game into his second year. He averaged 14.1 points in the win against Mississippi State.

For Shackelford and the rest of his squad, they have accomplished a remarkable breakthrough. With the right mindset and hunger to prove themselves, there is no ceiling for the Tide.

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## What can the University's Covid-Campus tell us about punitive systems and public health?

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Some have described the past months of quarantine as a cultural reset. With our lives shaken up by the novelty and intensity of a global pandemic and all that goes with it, ongoing conversations have touched on realities that have been actively concealed to the consciousness of society, or at least to the mainstream media. Namely among these are the widespread normalization of anti-Black racism and white supremacy. Expansive, powerful concepts like an understanding and performance of race have been subject to change, but so have others like that of the typical work-day, or the role of social media.

While there has not been real change — at least not in the earned, heavily realized or systemic sense of the term — the uninvented and severe change brought on by the pandemic to economies, industries, communities, families and social standards have inevitably created a new cultural space. There, the mainstream culture is simply different, and what makes sense to feel and communicate as individuals is a little different too.

So, coming to campus these last two semesters, a cultural “new normal” was the expectation. No one would expect anything less — at least not coming from a place where one may have spent 12 hours a day with their parents, sharing both workspaces and the intimately emotional rollercoaster of a burgeoning global pandemic. Student life would be inevitably different with limited social gatherings and activities and classes gone virtual, but there were also notable policy-changes that speak to the particular influence of this pandemic. In order to prioritize safety and the interest of the administration to remain on-campus, there have been a slight departure from a traditional, punitive implementation of community guidelines.

Anyone who came to campus this semester had to sign a community agreement — not a form you sign with all the others you don't read, but a serious list of community guidelines emailed directly to all students, along with information about pre-arrival COVID-19 testing kits. Almost as important as getting tested for COVID-19 is the commitment from all students to, essentially, act with COVID-common sense. This kind of agreement has its own significance in a global pandemic: concern for community safety is inevitably tied to both one's own well-being, and access to the desirable lifestyle associated with a college campus.

The reality is that our campus is privileged to be more lenient in terms of COVID-19 restrictions than

many of the communities students are coming from. Evidence of that enough is the fact that the University is a community with the resources to bring students on-campus in the spirit of an educational experience amidst a devastating global pandemic. Here, we are all regularly tested, have access to an excess of isolation housing and are required healthcare. And while there is likely a range of rule-following diligence among students, it is common to see friend groups meeting non-socially distanced on campus, or to hear of a small party on the weekend only more or less within a social bubble. Multiple times last semester and already this semester, campus has had to amp up restrictions in light of increased positive COVID-19 cases and use of isolation housing.

People have definitely broken the community agreement guidelines, but I don't get the feeling that this has led to individuals facing serious consequences. Besides, how could the campus identify the exact sources, students involved or rules broken leading to a COVID-19 outbreak? What they do do is contact trace, making sure anyone involved makes it to isolation housing and doesn't exacerbate the public health problem. Public Safety vehicles visibly patrol the campus on weekends and nights but do not visibly get involved with the groups of students clearly walking to social gatherings — as far as I can tell. University President John Bravman closed a recent email to the campus updating COVID-19 guidelines with:

“Last semester we set the bar high, and though it may not have seemed so at the time, we cleared it easily — together. Now, in the early part of the spring semester, we're all the same people, the foe is better known, and we have deployed even more resources dedicated to your safety and success” (2/19/21)

His many other emails have struck a similar tone. Apart from campus-wide COVID-19 rules, class structures may have become less punitive. I have noticed that almost every professor I have has been more accommodating, willingly making deadlines flexible and asking for student communication about needs. In this way, the relationship between mental health and college courses, as well as how home-life affects all of these, is more socially acceptable to talk about in college classes, and are even integrated into professors' policies.

For better or for worse, it seems that both the COVID-19 guidelines and other institutional policies may have become less about individual compliance and more about consideration of the community in one's individual actions. There seems to be a less punitive dynamic between students

and rules overall, interestingly, at a time when adherence to the rules would seem more important than ever. This has included the institutionalized consideration of students' mental health — an inherently equalizing consideration — and the implementation of the more straight-forward rules necessary to manage the spread of COVID-19 for the entire campus community and the surrounding area. Because every member of the community is equally important to remaining on campus, the concept of punitive action is seemingly less relevant to realistically achieving the administration's goals for our community. For example, while mental health may have been a significant factor for rule compliance in the past — like as it relates to individuals' academic success and their stable judgement — the pandemic has made this significant factor more visible within our culture, and therefore more manageable as a community overall. Because it is assumed that students will be mentally affected by the pandemic, rather than force them to live up to the same academic standards and maintain a status quo that no longer exists, professors encourage students to be accepting and communicative of when they will not be able to make dates and deadlines due to their mental health. What's most interesting is that mental health has always been theorized as a valid reason to miss deadlines, but has not been in practice. In this way, a prioritization of public health over rule-following may actually be the most reasonable way to implement the goals of those rules.

Recently, I have read arguments for the value of shifting from a punitive perspective to a public health perspective when we want social change — for example, viewing widespread sexual assault or mass incarceration as public health problems rather than the collection of many individuals' failures. Doing so recognizes the role of privilege and systems in determining outcomes for individuals and groups, and in general embodies a view of the world based on communities rather than individuals — all to the end of minimizing those realities we view as socially undesirable, like violent crime. There are community-level problems that affect some individuals more than others in an institutional setting, one being mental health, so when an institution must act as a homogenous community it also acts to equalize these discrepancies. Influenced by the demands of the pandemic rather than deliberate, realized policy-change, the University's COVID-campus may serve as a loose example of the relevance of the public health perspective to addressing community outcomes.

## Is it too early for Bucknell to be going back to athletics and in person classes?

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On Feb. 25, University President John C. Bravman updated the University community through an email sharing the decrease in active COVID-19 cases on campus. With the record breaking number of 265 students in isolation housing during the week of Feb. 14-20, many restrictions were put in place in order to limit the transmission of the virus. Bravman shared his gratitude towards students' efforts to decrease the transmission rate on campus and communicated his plans for allowing in-person instruction to resume, along with athletic activities. Bravman explained that although the number of active COVID-19 cases has significantly decreased in the last week, it is essential that some restrictions continue even while others are lifted.

In his email to the University, Bravman recommended that students wear two face masks for protection from the virus. He expects students to continue social distancing, washing hands and the sanitation of desks in classrooms and laboratories. With the significant decline in COVID-19 cases on campus, Bravman shared that he is happy to announce that athletic activities will resume on Feb.

26 and “we continue to explore opportunities to relocate athletics events to other schools when possible, and we remain in compliance with the strict COVID-19 policies in place across the Patriot League that govern both practice and competition.” Along with the resumption of athletic activities, he also announced that students will be allowed to attend in-person classes starting Feb. 26. It is encouraged that students attend in-person classes — as it allows for the best teaching and learning environment — but students can choose whether they will stay remote or attend in-person instruction based on their individual comfort level. As of March 3, 318 COVID-19 cases have been recorded since the beginning of the semester. With students and faculty members continuing efforts to limit the spread of the virus, isolation housing now has 73 percent availability compared to the 25 percent availability during the week of February 18.

Throughout the spring semester, Bertrand Library and the Kenneth Langone Athletic and Recreation Center (KLARC) have remained open with reduced capacity; these environments allow students to leave their residential buildings and remain active in safe spaces. While some restrictions continue,

Bravman also addressed that “we are ending our temporary policy of quarantining on campus. Students who are currently quarantining on campus will complete their quarantine on campus. Beginning today, however, on-campus students who are identified as close contacts or who are symptomatic will quarantine in University-provided isolation housing.” Students are still required to be tested once a week until further notice and the 24 hour testing turnaround will remain active. With the use of a faster testing turnaround, the transmission rate of the virus will hopefully decline as students will receive their test results within 24 hours of taking the COVID-19 test.

Bravman concluded his email to the University community by sharing that “the recent decline in our positive COVID-19 cases is the direct result of your increased attention to safety measures, but cannot become a reason to let down your guard,” and “I am grateful for your dedication.” Although there has been a significant decline in active COVID-19 cases, community members are encouraged to continue following the restrictions and protocols in order to keep everyone safe. Permitting students to attend in-person classes and resume athletic activities allows for increases in mental and physical health during these hard times.

## Hong Kong's international outcry for democracy

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Between the years 1997 and 2018, the University of Hong Kong took a study of 1,000 representative individuals annually, asking Hong Kong residents one question: “Do you identify yourself as Hong Konger or Chinese?” In 2008, those who identified themselves as Chinese peaked, with 39% identifying themselves as Chinese and only 18% identified themselves as Hong Konger. Data from the most recent year provided is 2019 in which those identifying themselves as Chinese had hit an all-time low with only 11% identifying themselves as Chinese, with 40% identifying themselves as Hong Konger.

To investigate this drastic shift in the modern identity of today's semi-autonomous Hong Kong, one must first consider that China and Hong Kong are two very different places with a very complex political relationship. Step inside Hong Kong today and you will not only feel China's influence, but British ascendancy as well. Double decker trolleys occupy the streets on the right side of the road, an equestrian arena is a focal institution of the city, and street signs dubbed “Prince Edward Street” and “Queen's Road Central” will catch the corner of your eye. This is because in 1898, Britain

obtained a 99-year lease of Hong Kong from China, ending on the July 1, 1997. By the time Hong Kong had been handed back to China, Hong Kong residents had grown accustomed to British rule with individual freedoms including freedom of press, speech and religion and made up over a quarter of China's economy. The conflict today stems from the re-incorporation of Hong Kong under the governance eventually coined “one country, two systems” back into mainland China.

“One country, two systems” was the policy under which Britain insisted on implementing under the transfer of the colony in 1997. That policy stated, “the current social and economic systems in Hong Kong will remain unchanged and so will its lifestyle,” for the next 50 years expiring in 2047. Up until 2008, Hong Kong residents were becoming more and more comfortable with identifying themselves as Chinese. However, this trend quickly reversed course into the late aughts. As China began encroaching on the freedoms implemented in Hong Kong, protests and riots began to rise, causing the now-famous “Umbrella Movement” of 2014. During this demonstration, Chinese government officials ordered police and armed officials to openly use tear gas on non-violent protests, with

their only defense being umbrellas. The most famous protest was induced by the Chinese government after reform was strongly pushed on Hong Kong's electoral college, in efforts to elect a pro-China candidate. The Chinese government since then has inserted themselves in extradition treaties with Hong Kong, limited free speech and reformed Hong Kong public education to include Chinese propaganda. As China continues to limit Hong Kong's freedom, Hong Kong residents perpetuate their international outcry to protect the vastly different Hong Kong lifestyle.

So, why is China now in a rush to incorporate Hong Kong into China so quickly, particularly before Hong Kong's “one party, two systems” 2047 expiration date? Hong Kong once made up 27% of China's GDP as they flourished under British capitalism. However, tech and financial capitals Shenzhen, Shanghai and Nanjing have exploded economically in recent years. Today, Hong Kong makes up a little less than 2% of China's GDP, removing their incentive to respect Hong Kong's autonomy. Nonetheless, Hong Kong is still fighting for their independence against a much more powerful China. As the border between Hong Kong slowly erodes, the young Hong Kong generation is concerned with what freedoms they will have left.



## The federal budget deficit debate



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With the federal budget deficit expected to hit \$2.3 trillion by year's end, economists are currently divided about the economic future of the United States, and the Biden administration's management of federal funds going forward. As it stands, the \$2.3 trillion deficit is a \$900 billion decrease from 2020, a year in which the \$4 trillion COVID-19 relief package drove the federal deficit to the highest level seen since World War II. However, with another \$1.9 trillion relief package in the sights of congressional Democrats, the federal deficit could balloon over the \$3.1 trillion mark previously reached in 2020. While that number might sound bad, economists are largely divided on whether it really matters. For conservatives, the potential of a \$2.3 trillion deficit is already a figure that is far too large. Many congressional Republicans have fought persistently against the potential of a new stimulus bill, claiming that the economic benefit of aiding those currently struggling will not lead to an equal increase in GDP. To some libertarians, the deficit is insignificant right now. With nearly 10 percent of the country still unemployed, as per Federal Reserve chair Jerome H. Powell, as well as the GDP still struggling to recover from the complete economic shutdown of 2020, congressional Democrats are taking a firm stance to get the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package approved for small business and households to get back on their feet.

The United States is in need of stimulus right now, particularly amongst low in-

come and minority communities, regardless of the implications on federal debt. Due to structural failures in the economic layout of the US, these communities have been hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic, and generations of families are put in danger due to the circumstances they are currently under. This is evidenced by the unemployment rates within the Black and Latino communities being 3.5 percent and 2.9 percent higher, respectively, than that of the white community. How can we expect minority communities to create any long-term economic success when every setback falls disproportionately harder upon them? Is the federal debt more important than the longevity of entire communities in nearly every corner of the United States? Even after the Great Recession, Black-owned businesses have still incurred far larger losses long term than those owned by other racial groups, predominantly white and Asian. Low wage labor-intensive jobs such as retail and food service are disproportionately worked by black and Latino employees, and these jobs have been revealed to be the most volatile markets during the pandemic. These jobs also often fail to include employee benefits, which has contributed to those who have lost their jobs facing challenges obtaining housing, healthcare, food and many other life necessities, all of which are more important than ever during this pandemic.

The increasing federal deficit is objectively concerning, regardless of partisanship. However, the need for stimulus to support the American people needs to be the priority in the nation's

capital right now. With cities and communities nationwide struggling to recover nearly a full calendar year after the first nationwide lockdown, placing humanitarian efforts above dollar signs is what needs to be done in Washington. There is a belief within America that there is a line drawn between economics and social responsibility, however, this is untrue, and quite frankly, dangerous to the future of our country. Although federal debt may force the government into a budget squeeze for the foreseeable future, there certainly are places where money can be redistributed from.

Take, for example, the military budget. Is \$732 billion annually fiscally responsible? It seems much more sensible to question why we are spending roughly the same amount as the next 10 countries combined on our military than to question the necessity of a stimulus package that will save lives and promote economic growth. The military is just one example of how the government bleeds funds, however. There are far more areas where money can be taken from and put towards slashing the federal debt created by stimulus, but the reluctance to change from the "American way" continues to hold both people and congressional officials back.

With the lives of the American people weighing in the balance, it is time for Congress to put their partisanship aside and look past the federal debt. Finances can be managed, but lives are much more difficult to repair. The needs of the American people are clear more now than ever, there is no price on a life, not even the debts of the nation.

## Are we living in the new Red Scare?

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The words "red scare" tend to conjure images of Joseph McCarthy, nuclear weapons and spies compromising national security. It was a distinctive part of 20th century America, a part of our cultural history as much as cowboy movies and rock music. Though the Soviet Union's dissolution undoubtedly abetted anxieties over communists infiltrating Washington, D.C., it seems that the media wants to spark a new fear campaign surrounding China. Media reports on China continuously paint the country as plotting against international cooperation and attempting to curb the freedoms of foreign citizens. A recent BBC article highlights this tendency candidly, conflating a new technology that would help expat Chinese citizens access their finances with a grander fear campaign of spying. Such media portrayals of China are highly problematic and don't provide proper historical context that would reveal the United States' role in international aggression and disinformation.

Before continuing, I would like to make it clear that China is in no way an innocent actor in this situation. There is significant evidence that the Chinese government violates human rights amongst Uyghur people and stunts democratic

movements in Hong Kong. This article is more focused on how American and Western European media outlets portray China's motives in technological development, international relations and economic trade. Reports from the BBC reveal that the Chinese government is working on a payment system called Digital Currency Electronic Payment (DCEP). This payment system would help Chinese citizens abroad access their finances and allow non-citizens who work with China the ability to conduct business more efficiently. The BBC tacitly argues that this currency could be used for spying on citizens. While this is one example of fear-mongering surrounding China, it nonetheless stands as a candid and powerful example of how a lack of context influences how we perceive other countries.

The recent storm of fear surrounding China does not include conversations on how the United States government also interferes in international politics and conducts surveillance on citizens. Articles like the one in the BBC attempt to make it seem like China will become a new evil empire akin to the Soviet Union, but simultaneously ignore how the Central Intelligence Agency has conducted covert operations to overthrow democratic governments in Indonesia, Iran, the Congo and a host of other countries. Without this context, it would seem that

the United States is innocent in terms of interference and espionage against foreign citizens and countries. This is the vital context that is missing from these articles, and it allows the American reader's imagination to run wild without consideration of how their government does the same thing.

My point is not simply to highlight the fact that America has done bad things in the past. Rather, I want to emphasize that media outlets are portraying China in a manner akin to the red scare. News articles like the one from the BBC make it seem that this is solely a China problem instead of a big-government one. Such reporting implies that blockchain technology is good in the hands of American corporations but bad in the hands of the Chinese government. The new red scare pops up in articles over a wide range of subjects, especially concerning economics and trade. Our skepticism should not be directed only on one nation and not the other, but should rather be focused on the problems associated with strong central governments that have the ability and drive to abuse new technologies. Hopefully, the media will change in the future to become more nuanced about this issue, but when sensation sells more clicks and papers than deep dives into nuance, such a hope becomes more of a pipe dream.

## Should the \$15 increase in federal minimum wage be included in Biden's \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill?

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After being sworn in just over a month ago, U.S. President Joe Biden is already pushing his first major legislative initiative. The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan has been passed by the House and is on its way to the Senate. The legislation is facing some unfavorable responses for its minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$15 over the next four years.

Why would Americans want federal minimum wage growth? Considering Biden has been working to increase the wage to \$15 an hour since day one, the removal or lack of a wage increase in the package could spur distrust with the new administration. Although there may already be some incredulity with the White House among the public, Biden has expressed his "disappointment in this outcome." Biden's disappointment will propel him and other backers of the wage increase to address it in a bill that is separate from the \$1.9 trillion package. Another package will likely come some time in the near

future and the bill states that the federal minimum wage will increase gradually over the next four years. This allows for the government to take a little bit of time in crafting the bill and find the right moment to enact it in the next few months.

Many Republicans and financial experts have expressed concern in the need for such a large spending package, which has led to the call for removing the federal minimum wage bump. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said that she concludes that the house will "absolutely" pass the American Rescue Plan, even if it returns from the Senate without the minimum wage increase in it. So Republicans and financial experts will be relieved in knowing that the package could be a little lighter without the increase.

Biden is aggressively pushing for this major legislation to pass, part of a larger effort to revive a lagging American economy by investing in demand. The plan includes payments of \$1400 to most individuals and a \$400 unemployment check per week for multiple months. There will also be a child tax credit to give families up to \$3600 per child

over the year and \$25 billion to help in covering rent payments. Also, \$350 billion will go to state, local and tribal government relief, and \$20 billion will go to COVID-19 efforts, such as vaccine distribution and another \$50 billion will go towards contact tracing and testing for the virus. Lastly, \$170 billion is reserved for K-12 schools and higher education in an effort to cover reopening costs and student-aid.

So if all of this is to be compensated for, why can't the federal minimum wage be included? This is due to the opposition by some members of Congress for the bill itself — especially the wage increase — and if it is included it may jeopardize the support of those members and potentially the bill as a whole.

As we near the end of the pandemic, Biden's American Rescue Plan is necessary to boost the economy and hopefully will put the United States back on the path towards economic prosperity. Admittedly, the federal minimum wage increase is essential to the wellbeing of individuals, the government has little time to waste.

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## Seventh Street Barista

## PUTTING A SMILE ON ALL

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The Seventh Street Cafe is a cherished spot on campus for students, professors and faculty alike. The quaint corner cafe holds the solution to early mornings, a caffeine crash, desire for a yummy snack and lively interactions with the hardworking baristas. Terri Martin, a long-time Seventh Street Cafe barista, stands out for her hardworking attitude, ability to relate to

students and knack for putting a smile on those who interact with her.

"It is hard to believe I'm going on my eighth year at Bucknell, and I've loved every moment of it," Martin said. The University has come to recognize Martin through the Flyson, the Bison and, more recently, the Seventh Street Cafe. Many have seen her, made small talk with her and appreciated the coffee she makes without knowing her name. Those who have taken the time out of their day to get to know her, know

of her kindness and great sense of humor.

Most, however, do not know that under her constant smile, Martin works hard to assure that the cafe is fully stocked and prepared before its opening at 7 a.m. each day. When asked about her favorite parts of her job, Martin responded, "I love making the drinks and smelling the flavors of the flavored coffee and working with the amazing student workers." Martin begins each work day with excitement to meet new people and

see "old friends," and thus the contagious smile never leaves her face.

Just last week, there was a basket of free Rice Krispie Treats at the counter near the register with a handwritten note that read: "Please take a treat and share my birthday with me!" Of course, it was Terri who went the extra mile to share her special day with all of her customers, whether they knew it or not. The basket was empty within an hour and hopefully she received as many birthday wishes as treats!

## STILL CONNECTING DURING COVID

As with all aspects of University life, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the setting and nature of the Seventh Street Cafe. The menu boards above the counter, that usually feature hot sandwiches and desserts, now showcase a limited selection of premade, frozen foods; as for the drinks, they

are still supplying their famous milkshakes and addicting coffee/espresso beverages. The small cafe space — which had always been known for being impossible to find a seat in due to the crowds of students studying, eating and socializing in their booths and couches — now has most of its chairs

turned upside-down on the tables to prevent anyone from staying.

"We get less guests that come in. I miss lots of people that came in before COVID-19. I miss seeing a lot of those guests that used to come in," Martin said. Although the setting is not as vibrant as it once was, the upbeat music,

strong coffees and Martin's smile remain in-tact.

A typical work day for Martin begins early in the morning, as she heads to the cafe to make sure everything is stocked and ready for customers. She works the day shift five days a week, which she comments is the best shift to work.

## OUTSIDE OF CAMPUS

When asked about her past, Martin said, "That's an interesting question!" She went on to explain that she "grew up all over the world," and said, "I had the privilege of being an army brat. I was born in Virginia but left there at a year old to go to

Germany. I moved up here from York county 18 years ago." On her days off, Martin spends time with her 4-year-old granddaughter who puts that same smile on her face.

Terri empathizes with the experiences of college students leaving home to find

a new home on campus because of her own childhood experiences. "I think living in other countries and leaving family behind made it easy for me to relate to the students on campus even at my advanced age. That, and I don't act my age," she

said. Seventh Street regulars know this through their conversations with Terri; the questions she asks and her thoughtful encouragement. It is not often that such an impactful and comfortable exchange can come through a warm (or iced) cup of coffee.

## THE BEST BARISTA

During this interview, Martin expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the University community. She loves "the campus, but most of all the students. They are some of

the greatest people I have ever had the privilege of getting to know." During a time where social interaction is limited, it is refreshing to have individuals like Martin who make a

point to connect with everyone they see. Through the thoughtful ways Martin interacts with the students, professor and faculty who visit this cafe, the cafe has become more than

just a cup of coffee or a snack to many. We should all learn one thing from this memorable barista: "There are so many things you can learn here you just have to listen."



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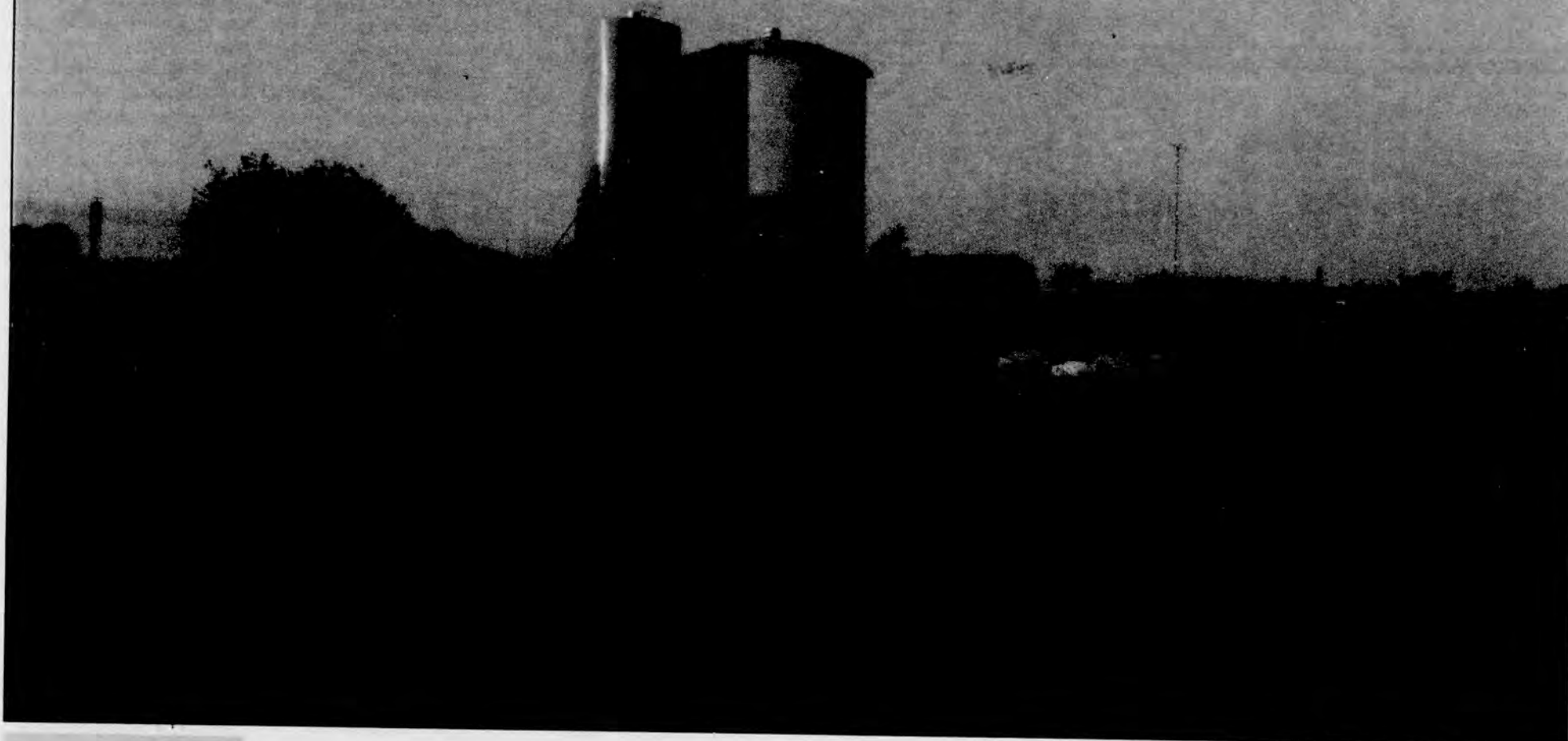


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Sunset over the Bucknell Farm on South Campus from Fall 2020

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Despite being a campus strewn in big green lawns and large energy-burning buildings, the University is on a journey towards a more sustainable future. As environmental concern continues to grow both nationally and globally amidst the current climate crisis, it is important that we as a University does what we can to limit our carbon footprint and push towards a more environmentally friendly and sustain-

able future. To do so, faculty, staff, and students alike are working ever more diligently to face these environmental challenges head on and make positive changes on campus that will hopefully extend past the University's gates.

The University is taking on the long term responsibility of working towards sustainability in many different ways. One way is through the President's Sustainability Council (PSC). Under the umbrella of the PSC is the Bucknell Student Government (BSG), the Bucknell

Center for Sustainability and the Environment (BCSE) and the Office of Campus Sustainability (OCS), which includes four Sustainability Working Groups (SWGs) each with different focuses and goals.

President's Sustainability Council (PSC)

Dr. Victor Udo, Director of Campus Sustainability, described his role to be one of oversight, governance and strategy. Udo coordinates action across various University department to ensure environmental goals

are met. "By definition, sustainability is everyone's job, which is why the University recently included it as a key component of performance appraisal for every employee," Udo said.

Since joining the University in the fall of 2019, Udo and his team have made a great deal of progress towards achieving full sustainability. "In the last year and half that I have been here, (with a whole one year under COVID-19), I have seen the students, faculty, staff, administration and the Board of Trustees take significant steps

towards sustainability. The PSC is fully engaged. A 10-year draft sustainability plan is under review for final approval. We have instituted a Sustainability @ Bucknell newsletter published every semester to engage the stakeholders."

PSC is the Bucknell Student Government (BSG)

The groups that work under the PSC have been busy at work, implementing a number of their new action initiatives. A recent update was sent out to students outlining the jobs, goals, and ongoing

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## Live Activities Fair encourages student engagement

Ellie Lowe  
Staff Writer

After being postponed twice, the University hosted the Activities Unlimited Fair on Saturday, March 6. The fair allowed students to see what clubs and organizations are on campus and talk with some of the leaders and organizers of those clubs.

The fair was an in-person event that was held outside on the Science Quad to allow for the stations to be spread out and maintain social distance. It was organized into three

time slots - the first hour was dedicated first-years and transfer students, the second hour was for sophomores, and the third hour was for juniors and seniors.

This Activities Unlimited Fair had over 75 organizations participate, which surpassed the 40 organizations represented at the last winter activities fair. Although the fair usually only happens once in the beginning of the semester, this fair was a follow-up to the virtual activities fair that

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## CORE hosts fire and ice event



PHOTO COURTESY OF RILEY DEBAECKE  
Students watched an ice sculptor carve ice into a bison at CORE's Fire and Ice event

Lindsay Kaul  
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The Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Center Core team's Fire and Ice event on Friday, March 5 lived up to its name in more ways than one. On a chilly night this past weekend, students showed up outside of Uptown for different fire and ice-themed activities. Not only were there s'mores kits and hot chocolate to keep students warm, but there was a great fire show. Students gathered in the amphitheater

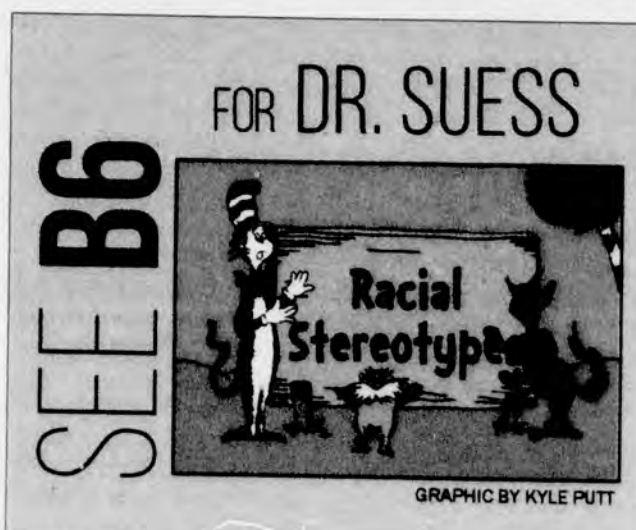
in front of McDonnell Hall to enjoy various tricks by the Ohio Burn Union.

In terms of ice-themed activities, students were provided with snowflake-shaped cookies and had the opportunity to watch an ice sculpture being made. Starting from a big block of ice, the sculptor chipped away throughout the night to reveal a bison statue. For those who weren't able to attend the event in person, they could follow along on the sculpture's progress on the CAP Center's Instagram story. On display on a table outside

of Uptown was also a beautiful snowflake sculpture.

Carole Beckhorn '23, one of Core's event planners behind Fire and Ice, explains the inspiration and planning process behind the event. "Fire and Ice was a new event this semester. We decided on the name during our brainstorming at the beginning of the semester deciding what events we will have. For activities, since the theme was fire and ice I thought it would be fun to have literally fire and ice. So

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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Jax White  
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## INTERNATIONAL

After analyzing video and photos from the protests in Myanmar, Amnesty International has concluded that the Myanmar military is using lethal tactics and battlefield weapons against peaceful protesters. Since the February 1 military coup, daily protests have engulfed the country in a state of political crisis, with international criticism directed at the military for its response to the civil disobedience campaign.

Brazil's COVID outbreak hits an all-time high, topping daily death records from previous peaks in the winter and previous spring. On Wednesday the country reported that it had 79,876 new positive COVID cases within its borders. Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has faced widespread criticism for his downplaying of the threat of the virus and his government's response to the pandemic.

## DOMESTIC

The \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package was officially passed on March 10, marking a major victory for the Biden administration. The relief bill will grant \$1,400 stimulus check payments for people making under \$75,000 and couples making \$150,000. The deal is being praised by Democrats as one of the greatest anti-poverty bills in modern history.

Merrick Garland has been approved by the Senate as the Biden administration's attorney general on March 10. Garland promised lawmakers that the department would take larger efforts in combating domestic terrorism, while pursuing other relevant issues such as police reform.

## FIRE AND ICE

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we brought in the Ohio Burn Union who hold a world record and are the stunt doubles of some famous people such as Tom Holland. And then for the ice aspect we found an ice carver to come carve a bison out of ice. We also had hot and cold food too. The ice bison looked amazing and the fire show was spectacular, too," Beckhorn said.

Jackie Silvers '23, a Fire and Ice attendee, agrees.

"The bison sculpture was incredible," Silvers said.

"The fire show was so cool and the tricks they were doing were mesmerizing," attendee Maggie Zipfel '23 said.

Overall, CAP Center Core team's Fire and Ice show was a refreshing and creative new event among its more popular mainstays. Depending on what the team has planned for next year, it would be interesting to see Fire and Ice return next winter.

## ACTIVITY FAIR

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was hosted on Sunday, Feb. 7 as the University faced a spike in COVID-19 cases. Due to COVID-19 many students, especially first-years and transfer students, have not had a chance to get involved with the clubs and organizations offered at the University. Although it was a colder day, student turnout was relatively high. Students, like Caroline Crawford '24, are trying to take more advantage of clubs and organizations this academic year as many feel that it is more difficult to get involved on campus.

"We came to get more involved and learn about activities on campus," Crawford said.

Many tables gave away candy or had activities for the students to do to get them interested in the club. The cycling team had a bike set up for students to practice biking in place, while the CAP Center Core gave out

T-Shirts, bags and more. The Seventh Street Makerspace & Studio provided a station set up for students to make sand art and plant succulents.

One new organization that was at the fair was Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon is an organization that aims to help change the lives of children in the local area with a year long fundraising campaign. Dance Marathon specifically supports the Janet Weis Children's Hospital.

"We got to speak with so many passionate students at the activities fair, so we are very excited to welcome these students and anyone else interested in our organization," Dance Marathon member April Hurlock '23 said.

For students who were unable to make it to the Activities Fair, the Involvement Network lists all the organizations on campus in one convenient location.

## First floor library renovations in planning for next Fall

Siobhan Nerz  
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Whether it is to cram for an exam or study with friends, students flock to the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library for its studying facilities. As a result, the University has teamed with the Library & Information Technology (L&IT) Student Advisory Group to redesign the study space on the first floor.

The location of the redesign is the back of the main floor, near the printers and vending machine. The current wooden study carrels, equipped with iMacs and Windows desktops, will be relocated to accommodate the new design.

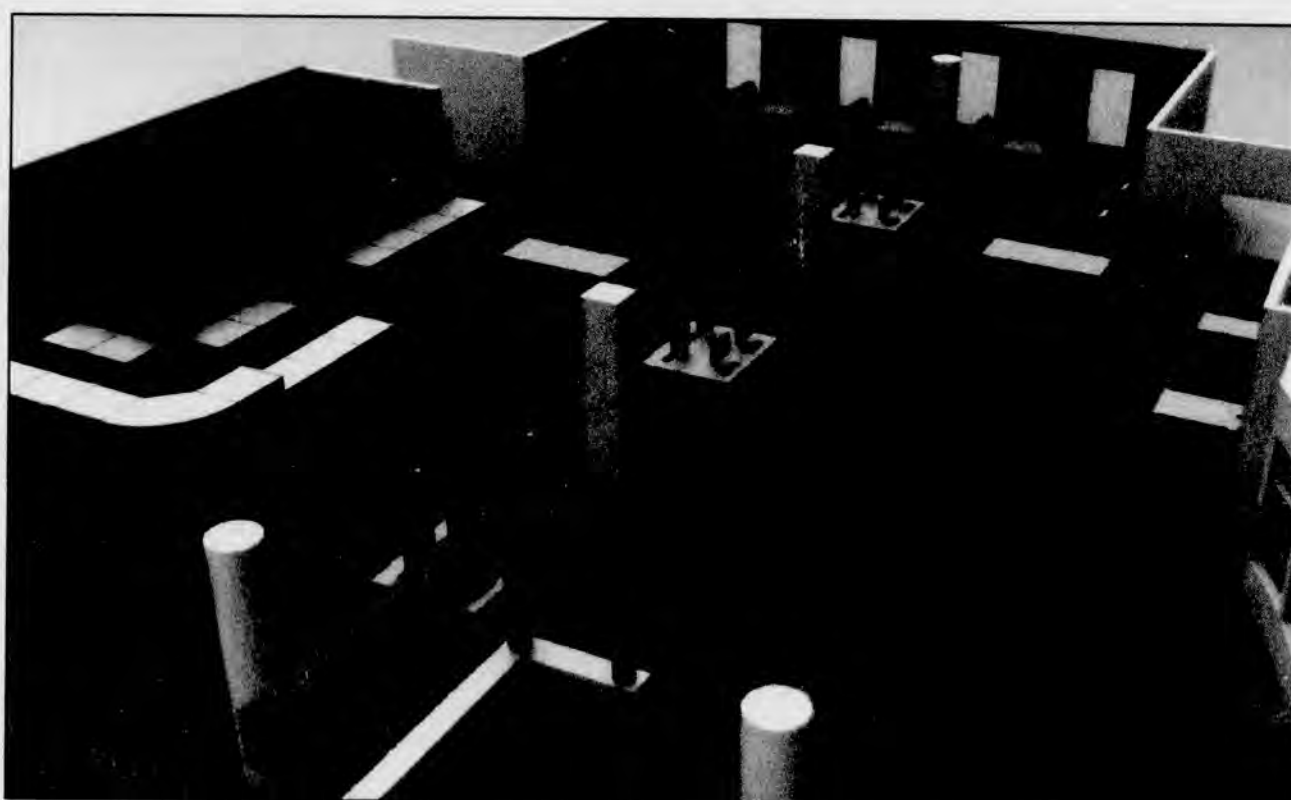
Executive Assistant to the Vice President for L&IT and Library Building Liaison Tracy Flower hopes that the redesign will provide a "comfortable and functional space for students." Similar to the 24-hour study section, the new area will be

brightly lit and spacious. Additionally, it will offer more kinds of seating such as booths, single seating, and even high-top tables to nearly double the number of seats available to students.

The University originally discussed plans for the redesign with the student advisory group last Spring, however, the pandemic put a halt to their plans. Although the changes were delayed, the University intends to have the new study space ready for student use by next fall.

Lea Codispot '24 is already looking forward to the remodel. "I think the modern look, combined with more accessible resources, will be a refreshing change for a place that I frequent so often," Codispot said.

"It is very exciting to see such a new, modern, and spacious layout for the library which is a place that is integral to our campus," Madison Rugh '24 said.

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Bertrand Library redesign plans for the first floor

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## BUCKNELL SUSTAINABILITY

activities of the PSC for the 2020-2021 school year. With many different roles and responsibilities, BSG has taken action on tackling some environmentally unfriendly issues on campus. For the fall 2021 initiative, BSG plans to have a reusable bag initiative, as well as a utensil supplement initiative.

Bucknell Center for Sustainability and the Environment (BCSE)

The BCSE was created in 2005 with about 50 faculty and staff from the University and students. BCSE's main projects focus on campus greening, the Susquehanna River and designing environmental humanities courses. The center received external grant support from the Jon Ben Trust, Henry Luce Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Chesapeake Conservancy and the Degenstein Foundation, which have contributed to three educational programs. The programs help students, faculty, and staff conduct scholarly work while creating teaching and learning opportunities.

In the Fall of 2020 semester, BCSE provided in-class lectures to seven different faculty's classes, reaching 224 students. They also mentored 11 different student researchers. BCSE successfully led 26 field excursions, engaging 370 students, 14 faculty members and 13 staff members.

BCSE's Operation Manager Samantha Myers spoke highly of the efforts of faculty and staff to serve the common good and promote justice through BCSE. "For the past 16 years, the Center has offered faculty the opportunity to engage BCSE staff to lead field trips and engage in outdoor laboratories for their students," Myers said speaking on BCSE's mission. "Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff of the BCSE made the decision to offer experiential learning opportunities to ALL Bucknell students in residence. For the 2020-2021 academic year, the staff at the BCSE has been offering educational field trips, injected with fun, while at the same time adhering closely to all the University's pandemic health and safety protocols."

Office of Campus Sustainability (OCS)

The OCS, which is staffed with five students each assigned to specific responsibilities, have a number of ongoing projects. They write a semesterly newsletter about on-campus sustainability, plan development for zero waste status and GIS mapping of sustainability related assets. The four working groups of the OCS include the Carbon Neutrality Working Group, the Ecological Conservation and Restoration group, the Pathway to Zero Waste Working Group and the Socially Responsible Investing Group.

Each of the four Sustainability Working Groups includes faculty, staff and students, with co-sponsors and group leaders. The Carbon Neutrality Working Group's main focus is climate change and air quality under these three subgroups: Powering Campus/Renewable Energy, Efficiencies and Transportation, and Carbon Pricing and Offsets. In the long term, the group hopes to attain Carbon Neutrality by 2030 and ensure sustainable utility services along with the implementation of the energy master plan.

The Ecological Conservation and Restoration group is focused on biodiversity, natural habitat, landscape, watershed and

farming. There are three subgroups for farming, including Aquatic and Hydrologic Ecosystems, Terrestrial Ecosystems and Farms and Human, Nature and Wildlife Connections. One of the goals of this group is to restore the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems on the University's properties. "The Ecological SWG is preparing to plant 1,000 trees in 1,000 days. They are working with BCSE and Facilities to establish a four-mile sustainability trail around the campus in addition to specific restoration projects across campus," Udo said.

The Pathway to Zero Waste Working Group is focused on waste minimization and behavioral changes for sustainability, under the subgroups of Messaging and Processes, Recycling, Mulching, Digesting, Donations and Landfill and Waste Equipment Inventory. The group's goals include achievement of zero waste campus status, elimination of single-use plastics on campus as the budget permits, and sustainability certification of offices, dorm rooms, classrooms, dining and events.

The last working group is the Socially Responsible Investing group. The main focus of this group is to educate and guide the application of ESG considerations as it relates to the management of campus assets, with subgroups being Purchase Policy Considerations, Educate and Increase Transparency and ESG Investment Framework. Some of the group's goals include enhancing campus investment opportunities for the Green Fund and integrating philosophical frameworks that best guide the application of ESG considerations.

Student Involvement

There are many other ways for students to get more involved in sustainability on campus, including with courses, clubs, organizations, farming and housing. Detailed below are just some of the other ways students can get further involved in sustainability action on campus.

Students can embark on many different types of sustainability-focused classes, with the option of majoring or minoring in environmental engineering, geology and environmental geosciences, environmental studies and sciences, and managing for sustainability.

"As a Managing for Sustainability major, my classes focus on businesses and shared value and how businesses can operate, not at the expense of our community and the environment. I learned about this through management, but my major requirements also have me take classes in the College of Arts and Sciences in complement to my business classes, which is great," Kate Normandin '23 said.

The Environmental Club is a student lead club that strives to raise awareness of issues related to the environment, both on and off campus. When asked about recent projects, Sarah Frischmann '23, the treasurer of the Environmental Club said, "The club has partnered with the Ray Cycle research team this past year to collect plastics for the conversion to Bucknell-themed products. We have collected 3,810 recyclables so far and are continuing to process them. The club hopes to keep contributing to make campus a more sustainable place where all feel welcomed. Think global, act local!"

Sunrise Lewisburg is

the Lewisburg hub of the national youth-led movement, the Sunrise Movement. The hub is made up of many leading student voices on climate change on campus. The Sunrise Movement started in 2017 and works to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process. The Lewisburg hub was created in 2019 to contribute to the greater movement and to address local concerns surrounding the climate crisis. The organization's overarching goals align with that of the greater Sunrise Movement such as making climate change matter across nationwide elections and enacting policies such as the Green New Deal.

Mary Collier '21, one of the co-hub coordinators of Sunrise Lewisburg, hopes that the Sunrise Movement will provoke conversation about climate change among students. "The central issue our movement exists to address is the global climate crisis but Sunrise recognizes all of the interwoven injustices within the climate crisis including political corruption, racism, classism, sexism, homophobia, and many other social justice issues," Collier said.

Some of Sunrise Lewisburg's recent events and actions included electoral work in the fall, such as holding a "Count Every Vote" rally, as well as supporting injustices at the University, such as drawing attention to issues of food insecurity on campus, and holding COVID-19 relief action with other Pennsylvania Sunrise hubs.

As a student activist, Collier says that her actions are often at odds with the University. "I definitely wouldn't say that our events are explicitly encouraged by the school because a lot of them are drawing attention to problem areas that need to be addressed, but the University's mission statement encourages its students 'to serve the common good and to promote justice in ways sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life.' We are fighting to create a better university because we all love this school and we want to see it DO and BE better, and that means cutting ties with the destructive fossil fuel industry and including students in higher-level decision-making processes."

The Bucknell Farm and Lewisburg Community Garden are both great ways for students to get more involved in hands-on practices of sustainability. Established in 2018, the Bucknell Farm was built off the success of the Lewisburg Community Garden. The two encourage educational exploration, and the Bucknell Farm provides fresh food for the University Dining Services, which helps eliminate some of the produce that gets trucked to campus from afar. As reported in the Fall 2020 edition of the Sustainability @ Bucknell newsletter, the Bucknell Farm grew over 4,000 lbs of food in 2020, including butternut squash, potatoes, sweet potatoes and more. In the Fall 2020 semester, the Farm collaborated with 23 classes and three Residential Colleges, which included over 700 students.

The University has 12 different affinity houses, one of which is the Sustainability House. Students who live in this house share a common interest in sustainability. As described on the University website, the Sustainability House is "a community of individuals who are mindful of their consumption and motivated to adapt to a more sustainable lifestyle through innovation and action."

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"We all have a common goal in mind and an inspiring combination of creativity and determination throughout the house that encourages me to do my part! I have certainly become more conscious of my environmental impact and motivated to work alongside my housemates to help our community," affinity leader Theresa Dollar '22 said.

"The community created at the sustainability house is also unique because of its location, we live near a creek and field, and see the effects of what we do. Whether it's composting or working on the farm, actually doing stuff to be sustainable is the best part of living here," Dollar said.

Optimism for the future

Looking to the future, faculty, staff and students are optimistic about the positive action being taken by the University to work towards a more sustainable campus while also considering the financial cost of making transitions into more sustainable practices. Associate Professor of Environmental Studies & Sciences Andrew Stuhl has been working to improve campus sustainability since coming to the University in 2013. "The University is not a leader in terms of its full environmental profile, but we have a lot of great things that we have going for us and a lot of hard work from a lot of great people. I think we should be proud of the building design, which we have earned a lot of accolades for from environmental certification groups around the sustainability of our buildings. The trouble is, we build more and more buildings and now we have used more energy than we did before we started these buildings," Stuhl said.

Though Stuhl agrees that the work done thus far has made campus more sustainable, there is still much to be done; this is where the University's large endowment and academic resources are particularly valuable. "We have a great opportunity as a place of higher education where we need to be a center of innovation and experimentation. How do we model for the rest of society what clean energy looks like, what regenerative agriculture looks like and what the jobs of tomorrow will look like as we transition our full sectors of all of our society? I think we really need to think about that in terms of our identity as a university," Stuhl said.

The University will continue to help students navigate sustainability as it becomes a more and more prominent issue in society. "From environmental sustainability, social sustainability to technological sustainability, the race towards decarbonization, digitalization and decentralization of processes is the way of the future. Existing assets are being leveraged by progressive organizations to mitigate climate change, inequity and social injustice," Udo said. "Individual and corporate behavioral changes are shifting toward innovative utilization of sustainability and ESG impact investments as means of operational, reputational and financial risks mitigation. We have to prepare our students to thrive in this emerging new world of equitable global sustainable development as a living-learning community."

There is always room for improvement when it comes to sustainability, but the University is on the track to increase its sustainability and to be more environmentally conscious.

## How will the minimum wage debate affect the University?

Jax White  
News Co-Editor

Although the recent attempt to raise the federal minimum wage through the COVID-19 relief bill failed, a large following of citizens and politicians alike still support the idea. Whether it's raised to \$10 or \$15 an hour, any increase would affect the number of students in their on-campus jobs.

According to Manager of Student Employment Services Julie Rowe, the University employs roughly 1,000 students; just short of one-third of the student population, these positions include student-calling services, TechDesk support staff, teaching assistants, student researchers and many more.

Rowe added that the number of employment opportunities that are offered at the University vary by semester and are based on the available funding. "The University works with hiring managers and departments to employ as many students as possible, as long as they can be financially supported," Rowe said.

The average student employee makes about \$8.80 per hour at the University. For comparison, the current federal minimum wage is set at \$7.25. "My job definitely does not cover my expenses, as the maximum I can make per semester is \$400," Christopher Bazela '23, a study group facilitator who makes \$8 an hour, said. Bazela added that the money he earns goes towards paying for such necessities as groceries, gas and textbooks. Although Bazela does enjoy his job, he does feel that his pay is "an insufficient amount of funds to cover simple expenses let alone helping towards the tuition of \$72,000 per year."

On the other hand, some students are content with their wage. Nina Sigety '23 feels that she is paid enough at her position in the Student Calling Program. "I honestly don't feel the need to be paid any more. This is the highest paying job on campus, and it's that way because of the work and skill it takes." Similar to Bazela, Sigety's paycheck mostly goes towards her weekly groceries, and any leftover goes into her savings.

Seeing both sides of the argument, Mady Lawrence '21 feels comfortable with the amount she is making as a grader for the math department,

but also sees value in raising the pay for students. "For someone looking for a job to pay towards school or more expenses, it would definitely be worth getting a job in town or off campus as I know many students do, compared to working on campus."

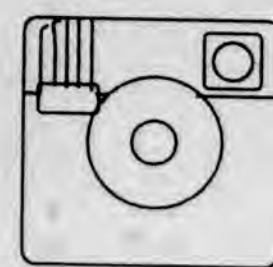
Rowe said that while the administration has no current plans to increase the minimum pay rate for on-campus jobs, they will continue to review the wages across campus. "In the near future, Student Employment Services will be undertaking a comprehensive compensation study for all student employment positions. At that time, all current wage rates will be reviewed and may result in changes to create equity among positions across campus," Rowe said. "Bucknell supports fair and equitable wages for all student employees and is receptive to offering positions that pay above the current minimum wage."

The University will need to abide by any increase in the federal minimum wage, but many students are concerned that the budget for student employment would become strained if forced to adjust to a minimum wage hike. "Departments may need to adjust the number of students that they employ, or adjust the number of hours that students are working if there are changes to pay in the future. Each department and hiring manager is responsible for monitoring their own budgets to determine whether the number of student employees or work hours needs to be adjusted," Rowe said.

To guarantee that students are not released from their positions on campus, the budget for student employment would need to be adjusted to fit the new demands of a higher wage. Student employment funding comes from a variety of sources, according to Rowe, including, "federal work-study funding (which is managed by the Office of Financial Aid), departmental budgets, grant funding, faculty and departmental project funds, and various gift funds."

In the end, those who support a higher wage given to University students may need to ask themselves if they are willing to accept a lower number of employment opportunities on campus.

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## University law and order: special investigation in freshman dorm



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Maximus Bean  
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8:35am—A lone mask was found abandoned outside of room [REDACTED] in Smith Hall by a concerned student. Model is a standard ASTM F2100. University Public Safety is dispatched to the scene. Justice cannot reign on our streets.

9:23am—Search for owner has proved inconclusive. Main tenant is one Francis Jenner. Jenner has a roommate, who is nowhere to be found. Jenner says that the mask on the floor was not his. A thorough search revealed a pack of two-hundred (200) ASTM F2100-models under his roommate's bed. Out of the two-hundred (200) masks packed in, there are only seven (7) missing.

11:49am—Jenner's roommate found sleeping on a couch in Vedder Hall. Name given as Stephen Starz. Starz confirmed he owned the pack. Statement given that he was not in the room when the mask was dropped. He was at a "total rager" dude, you should have been there." He further confirmed that this "total rager" was socially distant and COVID-friendly (although COVID-19 itself was not invited much to its dismay).

2:08pm—Other students in the hall questioned. No clear answers. Some claim they saw Starz, but impromptu drug tests revealed these individuals to have ingested copious amounts

of marijuana (the devil's lettuce) within the last 72 hours.

4:12pm—Case officially at a standstill. Public Safety morale is low, but Johnson is about to give a loud speech and stands on top of the desk.

"We...are all...in this...[together]"

Johnson steps down from the desk to rapturous applause. Turns out it was a raging success. Men are reinvigorated. Women are empowered. Howitzer ran up to the chief with a new revelation in her hands.

5:33pm—Starz never actually confirmed that he did not drop the mask outside the hall. He only said he "was not in the room when it was dropped." The mask was already dropped "outside the room!" Starz is immediately arrested and deported off campus for breaking COVID-19 guidelines (and also littering). Justice is served, and the campus is safe again. In the University justice system, the students are represented by two separate yet equally important groups: the Public Safety officer who investigate crime and the administration who prosecute the offenders. This was their story.

11:59pm—Jenner picks up the discarded mask and tosses it out. Jenner then draws another one from Starz' pack, bringing the total down to one-hundred and ninety-two (192) masks in the pack. He coughs into his newest one and drops it on the floor.

"Well this one's ruined."

### "What to bring and what to leave behind:" students hide contraband in dorm rooms

Elyssa Penson  
Staff Writer

As college has gone on, I've been increasingly pushing the limits on what I can get away with having in my dorm. It starts with your standard contraband—a couple candles, a panini press, a baby sea lizard—the classic dorm room essentials that really flaunts your carelessness in the face of the Establishment. At this point, it seems a little too risky to add a hot plate to the mix. I'm not an animal.

Also, I was on the University website, reading the list "What to bring and what to leave behind," and I just found out that we're not allowed to have pool-noodle samurai swords. So, I had to buy a real one off eBay, which I can totally get behind to avoid any nefarious aquatic crimes.

I think I can definitely get away with the sword and the

baby turtle dragon, but I do have one of those mini donut-makers that really concerns me. That feels like one of those things that feels a little too bourgeois to get away with. On the bright side, I do think I can get away with having a piranha because they said that we can't have carnivorous fish, and he's a vegetarian. So, I think it should be okay. Public Safety would really like him once they got to know him.

Looking through my collection of contraband has led me to ask myself a lot of important questions, such as "Who makes the rules for what we can and can't have in our dorms?" "Why is having a fish that eats people on the same level as owning a hot plate?" "Does that make having an electric oel a double offense?" I'm not sure, but I am definitely not buying a hot plate. The jury is still out vis-à-vis the oel.

## Google searches of the average college student

Sarah Petnuch  
Contributing Writer

"Is it acceptable to wear sweatpants to frat parties?"

We've all been there. It's a Friday night. You were in class all day long, you came back to your room, took a fat nap and wake up feeling like you've lost all motor function. Then, lo and behold, your friends burst into your room all dressed up and ready to go, yelling that you better be ready to bounce in under five minutes. The thought of denim on your skin makes you ill, and sweatpants seem like the only feasible option. Of course, you risk getting the brief look up and down as you walk in the frat house, and leaving people to wonder, "...sweatpants?" But you don't care because you're comfy and hanging out with your friends; it's the best of both worlds. Plus it shows you are very carefree and breezy if you're into the whole male vali-

ation thing.

"How to get someone to stop throwing up?"

Picture this, you're walking back from said frat house, dragging your intoxicated friends behind you. All of the sudden, one of them starts burping. Oh No. It's happening. You power walk back into your building, pulling her up the stairs, making it to the bathroom just in time for her to projectile-vomit her dinner all over the stall. People start to walk into the bathroom, take one glance at the scene, and turn right back around. Thankfully the RA on duty has seen this 17 times prior this same evening and is resigned from dealing with it. The smell is absolutely horrendous, and one hour later, she's still puking. You begin to wonder how it's possible for one person to have retained this much stomach content in the first place. "She has to be almost done," you think to yourself. It's been two hours and she's still go-

ing. You've tried everything on the Internet to help this poor girl. Ginger ale, water, a loaf of bread. Nothing works. Finally, after almost falling asleep on the bathroom floor, you manage to haul your friend back to her room, leave a garbage can by her bed, and call it a night. Your friend may feel horrible tomorrow, but you're going to give off Mother Teresa vibes.

"How to hack Moodle Grades?"

You check your phone and see that you just received an email from your professor saying, "Exam scores posted on Moodle!" You scramble to log on the Moodle to see your grade... and your stomach drops. Your jaw smacks the floor. A FIFTY? "There is no WAY that I got a 50 percent on this exam," you think to yourself. This had to have been a typo. You scramble to write an email to your professor with the subject line reading "Con-

fused???" He responds an hour later, and, unfortunately, the numbers didn't lie. You only answered 20 out of the 40 questions correctly. This is going to absolutely tank your grade in the class, which would destroy your GPA. Your mind starts to spiral. Sweat gushes out of your pores. And then it hits you. You can just back into Moodle and change your grade. That kid down the hall is a computer science major, he'll be able to fix this in a split second, right? Wrong. Not only does he not know how to do it, but doesn't want to be involved in grade fraud either. Can't say I blame him. But alas, you take it upon yourself to get the job done. Hours are spent scrolling through hacking tutorials, but with no success. This leaves you with no choice but to take the L. As painful as it is to see that 50 percent on the grade page of Moodle, at least your integrity can remain intact.

## Students host superspreader event, 3 in attendance

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Satire Co-Editor

This past week, several students were suspended and sent home from the University for hosting a "super-spreader" event with the intention of spreading the novel coronavirus to other students. As a public health and safety threat, the students responsible were quickly caught, reprimanded and sent home.

"Yeah, I'm still a little confused on why we got sent home because one of the people was my roommate and the other was someone who lives on our hall that we share bathroom facilities with, and all of us were wearing masks," Jack Ovid '23 said. "Like, if we'd had COVID-19, I'm sure it would be rampant in the communal bathrooms. You

know how it is."

"They're calling it a superspreader event and there were only three of us in the room, two of which lived in said room. No rules were broken, and none of us even have COVID-19. My mom is so mad at me; she wanted me gone for four months, not just one," Kurt Rona '23 said.

Apparently, the headlines have circulated all across campus, and everyone is on guard—not wanting to be reprimanded for trying to maintain their sanity by making contact with someone on the outside of the prison-like walls of their own dorm room.

"The headline doesn't even make sense. None of us even have COVID19, and there were three of us!" Jan Demic '23 said. "Going to the bathroom is more of a superspreader event

than this."

When prompted about the superspreader event in question, the police officer heading the investigation stated that he was, "absolutely positive there had been a party or function going on in that dorm room. We received a noise complaint from an anonymous source, who said they heard really loud crying coming from the room, so we busted in there looking for what had been causing the noise, and found three students together in the same room. There was popcorn and a movie playing, which could have implied that there had been a party there earlier, but we were too late to reprimand the students in attendance."

When asked if he believed that there might just have been a couple of friends watching a

movie together safely, he said "No. Absolutely not. I have never seen such guilty behavior before. One of the students we reprimanded was crying when we went inside the room, probably from the guilt." No alcohol or literally anything illegal was found, except perhaps the concerning amount of hand sanitizer on Rona's desk—"enough hand sanitizer to drown someone," per the investigator.

When probed further and asked if he believed three masked students should be defined as a "superspreader event," the officer heading the case declined to comment.

"The crying was because we were watching 'Legally Blonde' and I just cry every time I watch that movie. It's too emotional for me," Demic said.

## Engineering student too Type-A for liberal arts classes

Elyssa Penson  
Staff Writer

Recently, I realized that I'm too "type A" for my liberal arts classes. As an engineer, student athlete and former gym class ping-pong champion, there is no way I can operate on the same level of relaxation as an art and poetry major. All that deep, philosophical thinking sends me spinning. My creative writing professor gave me an assignment to

journal however much I wanted to, ideally 1-2 pages, and I wrote 45 pages, all in Haikus, just to make sure there was empirical evidence of my efforts.

I guess being super-ambitious isn't a bad thing. I've always done very well in business classes, probably because I started selling duct tape wallets in the second grade. I got my mom to buy the supplies, so my profit margins were unreal. Lately, I've been pushing the Lisa Frank

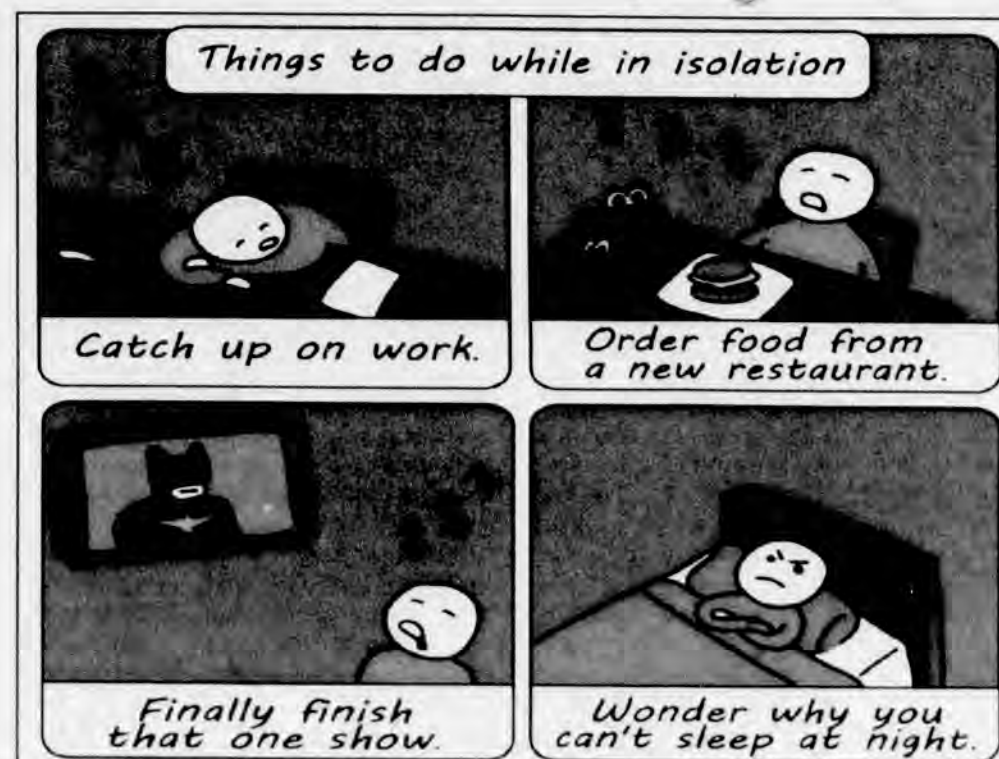
and Hello Kitty two-for-one deal, and business is booming. It helps that my peers actually have money now.

I've put the duct tape wallet business on the backburner, however, since I've been stuck in the library studying for my dance class. Everyday I sit and review film from Just Dance 2014. Hit me up if you want to have a competition. We could play "Call Me Maybe" or "Super Bass," it doesn't matter, I'll destroy you. I also listen to the Red

Hot Chili Peppers for five hours everyday, just in case somebody wants to play Guitar Hero Decades. (That's a lie, I listen to the Red Hot Chili Peppers because I love their energy.) But, I know that my competitiveness can get the best of me, and I'm realizing that I need to calm down a little, especially since I showed up to a history class dressed as one of Henry the VIII's headless wives.

Perhaps a lack of expression through STEM is the right choice for me after all.

## Kyle's Corner



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## THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINS & ADVANCES TO SEMIFINAL GAME

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

VS LEHIGH ON MAR 11 AT 7PM

PL CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAR 14 AT 4PM

#### Volleyball

VS LEHIGH ON MAR 12 AT 6PM

@ LEHIGH ON MAR 14 AT 4PM

#### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

@ LA SALLE ON MAR 13 AT 11:30AM

VS ST. FRANCIS ON MAR 13 AT 2:30PM

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

VS LAFAYETTE ON MAR 13 AT 12PM

#### BASEBALL

@ LEHIGH ON MAR 13 AT 12PM AND 2:30PM

VS LEHIGH ON MAR 14 AT 1:30PM

#### SOFTBALL

@ LONGWOOD ON MAR 13 AT 4PM

@ LONGWOOD ON MAR 14 AT 12PM

#### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

VS LAFAYETTE ON MAR 13 AT 1PM AND 6PM

#### MEN'S SOCCER

VS AMERICAN ON MAR 13 AT 4PM

#### WOMEN'S ROWING

VS GEORGE MASON ON MAR 13 AT 4PM

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ LOYOLA ON MAR 13 AT 7PM

#### MEN'S LACROSSE

VS LEHIGH ON MAR 14 AT 12PM

#### MEN'S TENNIS

VS NIT ON MAR 14 AT 1:30PM

#### FIELD HOCKEY

@ AMERICAN ON MAR 14 AT 2PM

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The No. 1-seeded Bison women's basketball team came out on top during its Patriot League Tournament quarterfinal game with a 65-50 win against the No. 8-seeded Loyola Greyhounds. This game took place nearly 35 days after its last competition, with postponements owing to COVID-19 complications within the team. Thankfully, the Orange and Blue was able to earn its bid to the semifinal game for the sixth season in a row. Both Tessa Brugler '21 and Taylor O'Brien '22 contributed double-doubles, while Ally Johnson '21 added a crucial additional 16 points. For the first time in program history,

the Bison have clinched a 9-0 record, winning a program-record 18 games in a row (including last season).

The Bison kept its advantage throughout the course of the whole game, leading by as many as 24 points. In the second quarter, the score closed in as the Bison had a narrow 12-11 lead. That did not last long as the Bison ended the half on a 15-0 run, leading 27-11 going into halftime. Defensively, they held the Greyhounds to just 11 points in the first half. By halftime, the Greyhounds were shooting only 17.2 percent from the field.

In the third quarter, the Bison came out hot, shooting a game high 61.5 percent (8-of-13). O'Brien had a standout

quarter, adding 11 of her 22 points. Entering the fourth, the score sat at 47-30. The closest the Greyhounds came to a comeback was a 59-50 divide with a minute remaining in the fourth quarter: the Greyhounds decided to force fouls at this point in the competition, while the Bison remained calm, making 6-of-10 free throws to secure its win.

Overall, the Bison shot 41.4 percent, hitting 7-of-19 from beyond the arc, while the Greyhounds shot 32.8 percent. The Bison also dominated the boards, outperforming the Greyhounds in rebounds 42-38.

O'Brien's 22 points and 11 rebounds matched both her season highs, while Brugler finished with her sixth double-double of

the season. Autumn Ceppi '21 had a well-rounded performance with eight points, two blocks and four assists. Abby Kapp '21 added to the Bison's solid performance with four assists, three steals and a block.

The Bison had more to celebrate than just the win, as the team honored the four senior players and team manager including Brugler, Ceppi, Johnson, Kapp and Sebi Herrera '21.

"It was great to be able to celebrate my fellow seniors on our senior day. Playing with them for the past three years has been something that I will always cherish and am glad that I have been able to be with three of my best friends. I'm excited to see the things that we will do in

the following games, I think we have so much potential," Brugler said.

"It was great to be back on the court with the team. It took a little bit for us to get our rhythm back, but once we did it was just fun. All of the seniors are extremely grateful for our teammates and we are excited to finish the season strong all together," Ceppi said.

Next up for the Orange and Blue will be the Lehigh Mountain Hawks on Thursday, March 11, in the semifinal game at Sojka Pavilion. The winner of this match up will advance to the Patriot League Championship game on Sunday, March 14, also at Sojka Pavilion were the Bison to advance.

## Volleyball scores historic win



PHOTO BY RILEY DEBAECKE | THE BUCKNELLIAN

Alex Bolinger  
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Sunday was a special night in Davis gym as the Bison volleyball team ended a 48-match losing streak to American University. For the first time since 1996, the Bison beat the Eagles in dramatic fashion, going all the way to five sets before winning 3-2. It was also the first win under new head coach Tyler Hagstrom.

The win over American, a perennial Patriot League powerhouse, sets the tone for the rest of the season for the Bison. The first set of the match was a bit shaky, with the Bison trailing 21-17 at one point. A much needed seven-point Bison run led them taking the first set 25-22. After that the second set was taken by the American Eagles 25-23 in another close contest with the lead swinging back and forth between the two teams for the entire set.

The third set went to the Orange and Blue after building

a strong 8-2 cushion in the early stages of the set. Delanie Lewis '21 set the tone for the third set as she recorded five of her 11 kills and had a hitting percentage of .354. The third set was closed by Anna Carroll '21 as she posted the final kill of the set to take it 25-22.

The fourth set was won by American 25-21, which led to a momentous fifth set. It was the first time that the two schools had gone into a fifth set since 2005. During the fifth set the Bison outperformed the Eagles in an impressive 15-11 win. Lisa Zoch '23 and Lewis combined for a hitting percentage over .600 and combined for five kills. The Bison were leading 11-10 before going on a three-point run to seal the match. Lewis ended her impressive night with the final kill of the match to send the Eagles back to D.C. with their first loss of the season.

"I felt absolutely on top of the world after we beat American because we truly competed and every single player on the team stepped up and contributed to the

win," Lewis said. Lewis, along with the rest of the team, rejoiced after the last point knowing that this was a monumental victory.

Kelsey O'Loughlin '23 and Valentina Feigl '24 both also had impressive nights, combining for 16 kills and 13 blocks. The Bison will need everyone on the roster to play as well as they did Sunday to capture the Patriot League championship.

The win avenges the loss that the Bison had earlier in the week to American. The 3-1 loss on Friday was only used as motivation for Sunday's victory. The Bison now sit at 1-1 on the year after splitting the two games with American this weekend. With a shortened schedule the Bison will have to use this victory to propel themselves the rest of the season with only six games remaining in the regular season.

The Bison's next opponent is Navy, who they will play this Friday, March 12 in Davis gym and then again on Sunday, March 14 in Annapolis, Md. The match is an important step in getting to the Patriot League semifinals.

## Baseball unable to grab first win despite close contests

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The Bison baseball team kicked off their season with three losses this past weekend. The first game was against Mount St. Mary's, in which the Orange and Blue fell 3-2 after extra innings. The Orange and Blue followed that up with another pair of losses against LaSalle with scores of 7-0 and 5-4 respectively.

In the first game of the season, the Bison pitching was fantastic. Starter Tyler Rigot '23 went four scoreless innings while only giving up two hits and striking out three. Rigot was relieved by Nicholas Sadd '21 who worked out of a jam in the fifth and Chris Difiore '23 who struck out seven batters in 3.1 innings of work. The Bison managed to grab the lead in the top of the 10th when Henry Novicki '23 crushed a two-run home run, scoring Chris Cannizzaro '22, who started on second base owing to COVID extra inning rules. Unfortunately for the Orange and Blue, the Mountaineers were able to score three runs in the bottom of the 10th to ultimately win the game.

The Bison struggled in their first home game of the season, only managing one hit during a 7-0 loss to LaSalle. Cannizzaro hit a triple in the bottom of the first inning, but ultimately was stranded on base. The Bison pitching was relatively strong again outside of the fifth inning in which LaSalle scored all seven runs. Bryce Reimer '24 was able to make his collegiate debut out of the bullpen tossing 2.2 innings of 1 run ball.

In the second game of the weekend against LaSalle, the Bison were able to bounce back, but ultimately lost with a final score of 5-4. Starter Will Grier '23 had another strong start — pitching five innings, striking out five batters and giving up two runs (both unearned). The Orange and Blue's bats woke up as the team managed 11 hits in the entire contest. Pete Marren '21 knocked in the Bison's first run of the game on a fielder's choice in the fourth inning, scoring Jacob Corson '24. Eunsang Yu '23 followed that up by singling later in the inning to score Cannizzaro and Novicki, giving the Bison a 3-2 lead. The Bison had a chance to win the game with runners on base down 5-4 in the ninth, but ultimately fell short.

"It is crucial for us to get off to a hot start this weekend against Navy. It is a long season and we get the opportunity to play both Navy and Lehigh nine times this year. Having a strong opening weekend will give the team confidence and set the tone for the rest of the season," Cannizzaro said. "We have worked extremely hard since August for the opportunity to play baseball this season, and starting off conference play on the right foot is essential."

The Bison will play Navy in a three game series this coming weekend which will also serve as the team's Patriot League opener. The first two games will be played at Navy on Saturday, March 13 at 1 and 3:30 p.m. The final game of the series will be on Sunday, March 14 at 1 p.m. at Depew Field in Lewisburg.



## Field hockey falls short to Colgate



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Laurel McHale  
Contributing Writer

After a hard-fought battle in the season opener, the Bison field hockey team fell short to the Colgate Raiders, 2-1. Despite dominating the game and holding a 15-3 edge in shots, the Bison were not able to capitalize on their scoring chances. "Though we were definitely disappointed by the end result, we worked really hard and learned a ton throughout the entire game," Erin Zielinski '22 said.

Colgate struck first 9:12 into the match, and this was their only shot in the first half. The Bison controlled possession for most of the day and finished with a 15-3 edge in shots and a 9-1 advantage in penalty corners, but the Colgate goalkeeper made 11 key saves. The Bison finally found the back of the net with just five minutes to go in the third period, scored by Kari Melberger '24, her first collegiate goal wearing orange and blue.

The game was only even for 66 seconds, however, as Colgate scored off a feed with 3:30 left in the period.

Early in the fourth quarter, Payton Kenney '22 had two quick shots in tight, but the Colgate goalkeeper stayed strong. With 59 seconds remaining, the Bison were rewarded a corner. Sarah Dimmock '21 took the shot that was saved, and Rachel Apa '24 found the rebound, but could not finish. "Today was a great opportunity to identify some of our weaknesses, and we will definitely use this game to better prepare us for competitions in the future. Our team has a ton of grit, and I can't wait to showcase our hard work next weekend," Zielinski said.

The Bison may have not gotten the result they had hoped for, but they travel to American on Mar. 14 to take on the Eagles. They will look to turn it around and take down the 2019 Patriot League Champion. The game will start at 2 p.m. and will be streamed on ESPN+.

## Men's cross country finish fourth, Ramos takes first for women's team

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The Bison men's cross country team debuted their skills this weekend at the Patriot League Championships. The men's team finished fourth overall with 86 points, improving one spot from a fifth-place finish from a year ago. The Bison competed against fierce competitors with Army taking the first place spot for the fourth year in a row. The field was rounded out by Boston University, Lafayette, Lehigh, American, Holy Cross, Colgate and Loyola (Md.).

Connor McMenamin '21 and Evan Minor '21 had a great showing, as both were able to secure personal bests at the meet. McMenamin finished 15 spots higher than his highest-ever finish of 20th as a first year in 2017. And Minor posted a similarly strong personal performance on Friday as he improved his best-ever finish from 41st (2019) to 11th.

Other scoring team members on the day were Samuel Whittaker '23 (13th), Owen Chase '22 (26th), and Brendan Mellitt '24 (32nd).

In their debut this weekend as well, the Bison women's cross country team finished

third overall as a team with a total of 61 points. Other competitors that edged out the Bison were Boston University, who repeated as the conference champion, and Army West Point.

While the team finished third overall, the real standout was Ashlyn Ramos '22, as she finished the 3.7 mile course first with a time of 19:34.7. She edged out the second place finisher from Boston University by less than seven seconds. This comes as a huge achievement for Ramos, as she finished sixth at the 2019 Patriot League Championships last year. Ramos will now advance to the NCAA Championships on March 15 in Stillwater, Okla.

Other scoring members for the Bison were Ashley Blair '21 (7th, 20:15.9), Emily Deschler '22 (14th, 20:37.7), Abby Paczewski '24 (19th, 20:53.4), and two-time Second Team All-League pick Nora Bennett '23 (20th, 20:53.7).

Despite finishing fourth and third, respectively, the Orange and Blue now look forward to their outdoor track and field season. As head coach Kevin Donner stated, "I see this as our first outdoor meet, not our last cross country meet."

## Men's soccer falls to Lafayette

Emily Doyle  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's soccer team took on Lafayette College on March 6, after their first game was cancelled due to COVID-19. However, the Bison opened their Patriot League season against Lafayette College in a new location, due to the conditions of the home field, the Bison's current home field location is on the campus of Penns College in Williamsport, Pa.

The Bison ultimately lost to Lafayette 1-0. Even despite this defeat, however, the team put in their best efforts. The starting line-up was filled with players who were making their first collegiate debut: Colin Eifert '22, Collin Murphy '24, Jordan Miller '24, and Bennett Schwartz '23 contributed vitally to the team's work on the field. Schwartz made his first collegiate debut as the goalie of the Bison with three huge saves.

"It was very exciting to get my first start for Bucknell, and although it didn't go the way I wanted I know there's plenty to improve on going forward. I think going forward our team has the potential to be contenders even in our tough conference. With our first conference

game coming up we are pushing ourselves to start on a better foot than the Lafayette game," Schwartz said.

Even though the game did turn out as the Bison hoped for, this is not stopping the players from putting in the intensity and skill necessary to finish the season.

"Unfortunately the game against Lafayette this past weekend did not turn out in our favor. Throughout the week leading up to the game, we worked on a lot of combination play to break down the opposing team's defense using our skill, speed, and strengths up top but we struggled to actually incorporate it into our game," Eifert said. "We definitely have some things to work on but I'm really hopeful that we can improve upon our mistakes and correct them in games to come. I think this team has a lot of potential to compete for a Patriot League Championship and that's what we look to do going forward."

The Bison will take on Loyola University, Maryland this upcoming weekend. The game will be played on March 13 at 1 p.m. Penn's College, the current home field for the Bison, will be hosting the Bison versus Loyola (Md.).

## Bison fall to the Bonnies in a nail biting home opener

Roger Mellado  
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team opened up their spring season on Graham Field with a nail biter of a match against the St. Bonaventure Bonnies this past Saturday. After 360 days away from competition, the Bison started out hot, claiming a 4-1 lead after the Bonnies struck first blood.

Shortly after, the Bonnies went on a run of their own going on a four-goal scoring streak, which brought the score to 5-4 going into halftime.

The second half continued the theme. The Bison and the Bonnies battled back and forth, with lead switching another three times before the end of regulation. In the end, it was a pair of goal scored by the Orange and Blue's Katie Wendell '22 and Laurel McHale '22 brought the score to 9-9 with under five minutes on the clock.

The score made yet another change when St. Bonaventure added a goal and brought the score to 10-9. But, Emma Cashwell '22, assisted by senior captain Julia Bradbury, brought the

Bison back into the game with a literal last minute goal as the clock began to wind down.

The Bison went into the overtime, juiced up after their buzzer beating goal that had been scored by Cashwell. The Bison's excitement was short lived, with the Bonnies cashing in on a goal within the first two minutes of extra time.

St. Bonaventure was able to capitalize on two yellow cards that went against the Bison, one being in regulation and the other coming in the first minute of competition in overtime. This pair of penalties made it so St. Bonaventure had a 1-on-1 opportunity with the Bison's senior goalie Lauren Kinnee, who was unable to stop her from scoring the game ending goal.

An unfortunate ending to a thriller of a home opener, but it was clear that the Bison had every opportunity to win this game if not for a few minor errors on their own part. Needless to say, it should be an exciting season for the Bison women's lacrosse team, and we look forward to following their continued success, and welcome their return to Graham Field.

## BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION



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## Ivy League lacrosse creates tough decisions

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In the United States, the most concentrated and well-known areas for lacrosse are the mid-Atlantic states, specifically Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. These areas produce the majority of the top-tier lacrosse players. Some choose to play at nationally recognized powerhouse college programs such as Maryland, Syracuse, Ohio State and Virginia, where they could play lacrosse at the highest level while also receiving a well-rounded education. However, there are also students who prioritize an exceptional education to playing on the best lacrosse team. A dominant section of sports for the Ivy League across the board is men's lacrosse, their teams consistently put their institutions in the top 25 rankings. When the world shut down last spring, the Ivy League institutions were the first to cancel all sports. A whole year later, the fields, gyms and arenas are still closed on all campuses. These lacrosse players face a difficult

situation: do they stay to earn an Ivy League degree, or do they leave for the love of the game?

In the spring and fall of 2021, the NCAA granted every spring and fall athlete an extra year of eligibility due to the coronavirus and season cancellation. Most student lacrosse players will have the option to stay at their universities or choose to move on to another university for their remaining year. Ivy League schools traditionally do not allow red shirts or graduate transfer students to compete in any sport, but this rule has been lifted to exclude the 2021-2022 season to allow for senior student-athletes to compete while obtaining a degree. Long before this exclusion was made, many highly touted lacrosse players had their eyes on the transfer portal. They did not choose Yale, Cornell or Dartmouth for their sport to be forgotten about; instead, they wanted their experience to be equally rigorous in sports and school. Since the Ivys do not offer any athletic money, these men pay their way with very few additional

benefits. Regardless of the National Championship that Yale brought back to New Haven in 2018 and countless trips to the NCAA tournament, the student-athletes are coming to the harsh reality of where athletics' priority stands.

As a coaching staff, the transfer portal is a critical tool, especially during this time. In lacrosse and all other sports, recruiting has become a double-edged sword for coaches, but a curse for those in high school. As a coach, you would prefer to take an athlete who has already had a year of college playing under his belt rather than an 18-year-old high school senior. High school recruits are being turned down by schools with their current players staying although there is little money left, an unexpected transfer that would contribute right away. The class of 2022 in all sports will, unfortunately, be left with very few options for recruiting, possibly settling on a school that was not their first choice or deciding not to play their sport so they can have the typical college experience at their respective state university.

This season, many graduate transfers from the Ivy League have made their decision already or are in the process of transferring from their institution for the love of the game. Ten of the top 40 grad transfers come from Ivy League colleges, according to Inside Lacrosse. The number one rated graduate student is Michael Sowers of Princeton. An attack from Dresher, Pa., was Princeton's all-time leading scorer and Inside Lacrosse 2020 Player of the Year, and a first-team all-American. The second-ranked player is Jackson Morrill of Yale, who played a crucial role in the 2018 national championship game.

The Ivy League and lacrosse will be different. Will these men be able to play next spring? That's a question no one has the answer to. Many would think it is a dumb decision to give up the opportunity to earn a degree from an Ivy League school to outsiders. For these student-athletes, it is about the love of the game and so much more than the prestige of the institution they attend.

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## Men's water polo clinches second straight MAWPC title

Anna Carroll  
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The Orange and Blue defeated La Salle in the MAWPC championship game this past weekend with a 11-3 win and claimed their second straight MAWPC title. With this victory, the Bison improved to a 4-1 record on the season and advance to the NCAA tournament held from March 18-21 in Los Angeles.

The Bison shut out the Explorers for the last 23 minutes of the game after La Salle came within one point of the Bison with 7:40 remaining in the second quarter. La Salle had its first and only lead of the contest at 2-1 in the first quarter. With 3:31 left to go in the first quarter, Andru Vlasceanu '24 was able to find center Doruk Ozar '24, who scored the tying goal with 2:55 left in the first quarter.

Matt Blackwell '21 con-

tributed to the Orange and Blue's lead with a goal at the end of the first and gave the Bison a 4-2 lead over La Salle going into the second quarter. Although La Salle cut the lead to just one with a goal, Jared Stanley '21 and Mitchell Scott '22, both found the back of the cage and gave the Bison a 6-3 lead at the half.

Ozar added two more goals for the Bison at the beginning of the third quarter, allowing the Bison to pull away with a 8-3 lead over the Explorers. Goalkeeper Adrien Touzot '23 had several key blocks and saves in the cage for the Bison, keeping La Salle to only three goals for the entire game. Touzot managed 12 saves on the day, a season best.

Scott Little '21 and Kyle Poland '21 represented the Bison's senior class and brought the Bison to an 11-3 lead with goals of their own in the last quarter. However, it was Ozar who led the Bison scorers with

four, followed by Little and Blackwell with two apiece.

"It was a great team effort for us this weekend with contributions from every single teammate. We are looking forward to competing this weekend and getting another chance at the NCAA tournament. This upcoming weekend will be a chance for us to put everything we have been working towards into action," Little said.

"We made sure to be patient and find holes in their defense late into the shot clock. Everyone is super excited to go out to California and play next week," Josh Yardley '22 said.

The Bison have earned their second appearance in a row at the NCAA tournament with the win this weekend and will travel to California this upcoming weekend. Opponent and times will be determined later.

## Women's soccer opens with a stalemate

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It has been approximately 16 months since the Bison women's soccer team has stepped on the field facing a league opponent, or any opponent for that matter. Sunday's scoreless stalemate against Lafayette proved to be a defensive battle, as the women's soccer team tied the Lafayette Leopards (0-0) despite double overtime efforts.

The defensive effort that held the Bison in the game was spearheaded by a duo in goal, with Jenna Hall '24 and Kaylee Donnelly '23 combining for 13

saves and no goals allowed. Hall made her freshman debut with 10 saves and capped off with a tremendous stop in the first overtime period as she battled against a strong attacking unit led by 2019 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year and Lafayette senior Krista Kissell.

The young goalies were surrounded with a strong, impenetrable defense led by Chloe Christakos '21, Holly Burns '22, Alana Carlucci '22. Joining the upperclassmen in the defense was Lea Tarzy '24. The back four came together to hold off a very skilled Leopard attack. "It was so much fun finally getting back on the field as

a team. I can't wait to see what the rest of the shortened season has in store for us. We are all making the most of every moment," Christakos said.

As the Bison advance through their season, their chemistry will only continue to build promising more wins. "We fought hard and worked well together considering we had minimal practice time. Overall, we are just grateful for the opportunity to be back on the field after so long," Sarah Hazard '21 said.

The Bison look forward to their next chance to compete against Loyola this Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m.

## Men's tennis starts their season with a win and a loss

Clara McCormick  
Contributing Writer

After three weekends of cancelled matches due to COVID-19, the Bison men's tennis team finally got to compete in two matches this past Saturday at their home facility in Williamsport, Pa.

In the first match they fell to Monmouth University 2-5. Marwan Abaza '21 earned a point for the Bison at court one, defeating his competitor 5-7, 7-5, 10-6. For the doubles matches, duo Cooper Bradshaw '22 and Michael Owen '23 defeated Monmouth 6-3 and duo Abaza

and Nick Mueller '23 won 6-3.

Against Saint Francis University, the Bison stood victorious, defeating the Red Flash 5-2. Owen won at number one singles 7-6 (5-0), 6-4, Mueller won at number three singles 6-1, 6-2, Tim Zelikovsky '24 won at number four 6-1, 6-2, and Sam Yikirimilar '21 won at number six 6-1, 7-5. For the doubles matches, the duo of Bradshaw and Owen proved themselves again winning 6-3. Mueller and Yikirimilar came out on top with the score 7-6 (4-0), and partners Guillermo Torres '23 and Zelikovsky were victorious beating Saint Francis 6-4.

"The opportunity to be able to play again and represent the school after almost a year out was truly special and one everyone on the team is very grateful for. The excitement was clear to see, and this was reflected on court with valiant performances across the board. Marwan's battling win at #1 in spite of severe body cramps really summed up the fighting spirit of the group, and we know this will only serve us positively going forwards," Owen said.

On March 14, the Blue and Orange host NJIT in Williamsport, Pa. where the team hopes to earn another victory.

## Bison softball rolls past Aggies

Nick Sperduto  
Contributing Writer

The Bison softball team traveled south on Friday to take on the Aggies of North Carolina A&T in a long awaited season opener. The Bison took care of business, sweeping the non-conference doubleheader. Despite losing top hitter Allyse Volpe '22 to transfer, the Orange and Blue were dominant at the plate, recording 26 hits over the course of the two games winning the first game 8-3 and the second 11-7.

Zoe Smith '24 led the charge for the Bison, going deep in the top of the fourth. The freshman's first collegiate home run put them on top for good. Smith later added two doubles and two singles in her eight total

at bats on the day. Noelle Gordon '24 also had an impressive afternoon, recording three hits in her college softball debut.

"I think our class is super talented and strong, and we can make a huge impact on this program over the next four years," Smith said. "I feel like we have so much potential and I'm excited to see how we grow as players and leaders."

Jess Hom '21, Taylor Wolfgang '21 and Nicole Rivait '22 started every game for the Bison in last year's shortened season. All three contributed in various ways, with Hom scoring the very first run of the season, Wolfgang turning in a very solid performance behind the plate, and Rivait getting hot in the second game, going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs.

"I am most looking forward

to playing all the games we can get. Losing a season last year really puts things into perspective and I want to enjoy the time I have left on the field with my team," Hom said. "Our biggest goal is to win the Patriot League Championship. That is always our goal and is always in the back of our minds when we're practicing and playing. Even though we have had a lot thrown at us so far, I have high expectations for this team."

Kelly Toomey '23 had a strong day in the circle, striking out six over four innings, and earning her first win as a Bison. Kayla Burton '23 earned the second win of the season for the Orange and Blue.

The Bison will return to the diamond next weekend, with a slate of games against Longwood.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## ASHLYN RAMOS '22 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

### PROFILE

HOMETOWN: SAMMAMISH, WASH.  
HIGH SCHOOL: EASTSIDE CATHOLIC

Holly Burns  
Senior Writer

This past Friday, Bison runner Ashlyn Ramos '22 won an individual title at the 2021 Spring Patriot League Cross Country Championships held at Lehigh University. Ramos ran the 3.7 mile course in 19:34.7, beating out the Boston University runner just behind her. Ramos' individual title is the Orange and Blue's fourth in five years.

Ramos has been a stand-out for the Bison in her sophomore and junior seasons. In 2019, Ramos was named to the Cross Country All-Patriot League First Team. This year Ramos is already slated to compete at the NCAA National Championship in Stillwater, Oklahoma this coming March following her outstanding performance at the League Championship.

Ramos credits her team for her success so far this season, and appreciates the way her teammates push her to be the best athlete she can be. "I think being part of a driven and supportive team has helped me so much, because being surrounded by people who are excited about competing and train-

ing makes me want to work harder," Ramos said. "Cross country is such a team sport, so anything I can do to be better for the girls I'm on the line with is very important to me and has made all the difference."

Ramos teammates and the supportive team culture make all hard work worthwhile. "My favorite memory is from the cross country Patriot League meet in 2018 when we completely crushed everyone. I wasn't even in the race, but watching our girls all run incredibly well on our home course in the pouring rain was amazing and very inspiring. I think if you asked most people on the team what their favorite memory is they might have the same answer."

This was the Bison's first official meet since the COVID-19 pandemic shut down Patriot League competition last year. While Ramos and the team are not satisfied with their third place overall finish, it is a step in the right direction heading into NCAA's and next season.

Ramos explained that "placing a close third at a championship meet where every other team has been racing shows how deep we

are right now, which is very exciting for the team. Even though we have had to practice in small groups I think we have all made each other so much better this past year. We are only graduating one senior this year, so next cross country season I think we will definitely be a team to watch out for."

### CAREER STATS

**ALL PATRIOT LEAGUE FIRST TEAM CROSS COUNTRY (2019)**  
**FINISHES:**  
**4TH - 3000 (2020 INDOOR) (9:59.78)**  
**6TH - 5000 (2020 INDOOR) (17:24.95)**  
**6TH - (2019 CROSS COUNTRY) (22:15.5)**

## Swimming and Diving start the season strongly

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Sports Co-Editor

The men's and women's Bison swimming and diving teams triumphed in their season opener this past weekend at Colgate. The Bison won a total of 15 events including both individual competitions and relays.

Both youth and experience were on display for the Orange and Blue as the entire team excelled. Noah Basista '24 and Caroline Mahoney '24 dominated the competition in their collegiate debuts. Mahoney won the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke along with competing on the 200 medley relay team that finished

first. Basista won the 100 butterfly, 100 breaststroke and placed first on two relay teams. Not to be outdone, the upperclassmen also put on a stellar showing. Maddie Hartigan '22 won first place in the 100 freestyle while Maggie Wyngowski '21 placed first in the 200 IM. Alexis Faria '23, 100 butterfly, Kate Gottwald '24, 3-meter dive, Sabrina Vumbacco '23, 200 freestyle, Stephanie Walsh '24, 100 breaststroke and the 200 medley team of Mahoney, Walsh, Faria and Hartigan were the other Bison women who finished first in their respective events.

For the men, John Gehrig '24 won the 100 freestyle

and Leo Kuyl '23 won the 50 freestyle. The team of Sam Miler '23, Basista, Gehrig and Kuyl finished first in the 200 medley, while the 200 freestyle relay was won by Gehrig, Basista, Nate Romanowski '21 and Kuyl.

"Overall we had an awesome meet. We went to Colgate to take advantage of the opportunity of being able to compete again so we tried our best and had some really fast and impressive swims," Maggie Wyngowski '21 said.

Overall, the Bison had an exceptional start to their season and will look to carry their success when they travel to West Point to take on Navy on March 20.

## Bison women's tennis team's victory over Saint Francis

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Contributing Writer

The Bison women's tennis team proved themselves ready for competition this past Sunday. Despite the previous weeks of COVID-19 restrictions and cancellations, the Bison defeated St. Francis, 5-2.

Daniela Bellini '22

was victorious at the number one singles spot, beating her Red Flash opponent 7-5, 6-4, at number two, Cayla Koch '21 won 7-5, 6-0 at three, Dax Seidlin '23 won 5-7, 7-5, 10-3, and at six Laurel Utterback '24 won by default.

For the doubles matches, the duo of Koch and Seidlin defeated St. Francis 6-2.

Bellini and Tyne Miller '24 earned their win scoring 7-5. Partners Sofia Ayuso '21 and Utterback won by default.

Next Sunday, the Bison will host Patriot League Opponent Lafayette in Williamsport, Pa. The last time the Orange and Blue played Lafayette was in their 2018-2019 season where they earned a 6-1 win over the Leopards.



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## Oh the Places You Won't Go!



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Theodor Seuss Geisel, commonly known by his pseudonym Dr. Seuss, has recently been bombarded by heavy criticism over a few of his early rhymes and illustrations. On what would have been the author's 117th birthday, Seuss Enterprises announced that six books would cease publication. According to their statement, the selected texts draw on ethnic and racial stereotypes that are "hurtful and wrong."

Dr. Seuss is one of the most long-lasting and popular children's book authors, having sold over 700 million copies worldwide. It is hard to imagine a childhood without two or three Dr. Seuss books lying around, and as a result many people have established an attachment to the beloved stories; however, the attachment and cherished memories do not erase the blatantly racist imagery used in the books whose publication has been halted.

To say the books have not aged well is quite an understatement. In "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," there is a character described as "Chinaman" (publications in the 70s edited it to "a Chinese Man") who carries chopsticks and a bowl of rice, wears a small red hat and has slanted lines for eyes. Meanwhile, the book "If I Ran the Zoo" includes two characters from "the African island of Yerka" that share striking resemblance to monkeys.

The other titles that will no longer be sold include "McElligot's Pool," "On Beyond Zebra!," "Scrambling Eggs Super," and "The Cat's Quizzical." If none of these

titles seem familiar, there is a reason why; according to NPDP BookScan, which tracks the sale of physical books, "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" sold more than 311,000 copies this year compared to "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," which BookScan recorded as only selling 5,000 copies. Logistically, it makes sense to halt the publication of these less popular titles, which proves a better reason compared to social repercussions.

Countless books deemed "classics" have been put under scrutiny because of their modern implications. Harper Lee's 1960 work "To Kill a Mockingbird," for instance, is continually challenged because of its themes of rape and use of frequent profanity and racial slurs. J.D. Salinger's seminal 1951 novel "The Catcher in the Rye" is contested because of sexual scenes and themes of violence. Both examples have been reframed to become educational opportunities, as have hundreds of texts that feature controversial topics.

While both of these examples have been limited to mature audiences, the premise is still applicable to Dr. Seuss. However, it is important to note that the educational opportunity is not for children, but rather should be intended for the adults reciting the rhymes.

Parents and guardians must recognize the unacceptable aspects of texts before exposing children to their detrimental effects, but taking the books off the shelves is not the answer. Simply removing the books is an easy way around having difficult conversations about the problematic and offensive imagery in Dr. Seuss's work. Instead,

it is essential to keep the books, acknowledge their discriminatory and harmful nature, and use the experience to learn about the racism that informed their creation.

Many conservatives are referring to the recent criticism of Dr. Seuss as "cancel culture," but the reality is quite different: Dr. Seuss is simply being exposed for his racist past. Because many people have fond memories of reading "Fox in Socks," readers will never truly reject Dr. Seuss. Parents and children alike adore his books. However, the author's legacy is being re-evaluated, which is clearly necessary. If anything, the removal of the six book titles does the opposite of cancel culture—it is using revisionist history to completely reshape Dr. Seuss's legacy. By censoring Dr. Seuss's work, Seuss Enterprises is wiping the foul racism from his timeline. If the books are no longer accessible, then he never wrote them, right?

While some people will never read "If I Ran a Zoo" the same way again, others will memorialize Dr. Seuss's legacy by using the remaining silly rhymes as evidence, completely disregarding his banned books.

Seuss Enterprises ceased publication on six titles in an attempt to right Dr. Seuss's fatal wrongs, but instead they missed a valuable opportunity to recognize flaws and turn them into opportunities for growth and redemption. By removing the books completely, people continue to read "The Lorax" without rightfully recognizing the author's reliance on ethnic and racial stereotypes as well as remain unable to address and converse about the most pressing topics in today's world.

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We seem to be a step closer to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, but how much longer will we have to live under these restrictions? With the influx of people receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, many hope that restrictions will be lifted and the wearing of face masks will no longer be required. Although seeming counterintuitive, public health authorities have expressed that people should continue to wear face masks even after being vaccinated, creating public backlash. The answer as to why people who are vaccinated will still have to wear face masks is complicated.

What is the point of getting the vaccine if we still have to wear face masks and socially distance? We need to go back to normalcy, or else our society will continue to live in fear.

Although many believe that COVID-19 antibodies last for about three months, it is unknown the length of time that one will be protected from the virus. According to scientific research, it is very unlikely

that someone can contract COVID-19 more than once. Public health officials also state that it's unknown how long the vaccine will protect people from the virus. With this being said, people question the difference between having the COVID-19 antibodies and actually receiving the vaccine. Will the restrictions differ depending on immunity? Those who receive the vaccine and have the antibodies should not be required to wear face masks, due to the fact that they are likely to be protected from the virus. If a majority of people have the COVID-19 antibodies or have received the vaccine, it is likely that the pandemic will end soon. In addition, "the [CDC] said that those who are fully vaccinated can spend time with unvaccinated people indoors, with no mask, so long as those who are unvaccinated are at low risk for severe COVID-19," health reporter Kayla Rivas said. As of March 8, "according to data compiled by the CDC, 9.2 percent of the U.S. population is now fully vaccinated, and 17.7 percent have received at least one dose," Rivas shares with the public.

As for the use of masks

after receiving the vaccine, many believe that wearing a mask should be a choice. Research has shown that COVID-19 can still be transmitted from those who have received the vaccine, even if their symptoms are less severe or nonexistent. Those who are vaccinated and are not at high risk of having severe symptoms of COVID-19 should not be required to wear a mask. People who are not vaccinated and do not have the COVID-19 antibodies should be encouraged to wear a face mask for their own safety, and for the safety of community members who also have not been vaccinated.

No one likes wearing a mask, but out of respect for people in our communities, we have a responsibility to consider the safety of others as best that we can. Businesses have been destroyed and many people have lost their jobs due to the lockdowns in the United States. This needs to end. Many hope that once the majority of the population is vaccinated and or has immunity, we will experience a somewhat normal and mask-free life in the near future.

## And that's the royal tea

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"I wasn't planning on saying anything shocking. I'm just telling you what happened," Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, told Oprah Winfrey as they sat on the patio of the former's Santa Barbara estate. These are the famous last words of any shocking interview.

In a two-hour interview with Winfrey, Markle described how her idyllic royal life quickly devolved into a suffocating and cruel one. Soon after her engagement to Prince Harry was announced in 2017, Markle was praised as a refreshing addition to the stodgy dynasty. A talented biracial actress, Markle's presence had the potential to align the royal family with the 21st century.

This trend reversed itself by Markle and Prince Harry's wedding in 2018, by which she'd become the focus of vicious, racially-charged tabloids. She was recast as the American divorcee who lured Prince Harry away, causing an irreparable family

rift. When the palace turned a blind eye to Markle's suffering, she spiraled into a deep depression. The only solution was for the couple to depart the royal family.

Indeed, Meghan's story has an uncanny similarity to the late Princess Diana, another glamorous outsider who brought renewed interest to the British royals, only to become frustrated with the confines of royal life. Both women desperately sought help from the family, only to be ignored. Both women married into a family that expected them to conform to royal customs and traditions without question. Both women found themselves berated by the tabloids, accusing them of besmirching the royal name.

But there are differences, too. Unlike Markle, Diana's marriage crumbled after allegations of Prince Charles's infidelity, and by the time she gave her infamous BBC interview ("there's three in the marriage"), she was viewed as a threat. Only two years after the interview, she died in a car accident after a high speed chase with paparazzi. Princess Diana was sheltered and na-

ive when she married Prince Charles at only 20 years old. Markle was 36 and independent, having had a successful career before marrying Prince Harry. And of course, Markle is American, and very much with an American sensibility, whereas Princess Diana's Britishness taught her to respect and admire the royal traditions. Markle's American-ness, as well as the openness in which mental health is now talked about, endowed her with the ability to question the order of things.

Markle and Prince Harry are undoubtedly aware of this connection; this interview was their chance to reclaim their reputation, as well as Princess Diana's, perverted by the media. For one, Prince Harry pointedly acknowledged the parallels to his mother, saying that he "felt her presence through this whole process." The connection was furthered by the diamond tennis bracelet Markle wore that had once belonged to Princess Diana.

But oddly enough, Prince Harry and Markle's departure was only made possible by the \$25 million Princess Diana left Prince Harry after her death.



## Threats from QAnon-adjacent groups must be taken seriously

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On Jan. 6, just two weeks before the inauguration of current U.S. President Joe Biden, former U.S. President Donald Trump supporters stormed Capitol Hill in an effort to overturn Trump's election loss in November. Among this mob of Trump supporters, were followers of the conspiracy theory QAnon, which has grown increasingly popular on social media in recent months. Spread from media platforms like Facebook and Twitter, QAnon centers its theoretical framework on the allegation that a cabal of Satan-worshippers run the government and have been trying to sabotage former President Trump. The right-wing group is a loosely organized network of people who embody questionable beliefs with no real evidence. QAnon believes Trump is being undermined by Satan-worshipping pedophiles who run the government. Elitist democrats, politicians and journalists are just some of the types of people QAnon believes are Satan-worshippers.

Nearly two months after storming the capitol, QAnon followers believed Trump would return to power on March 4. With increased security, many government officials and U.S. citizens took March 4 to be a warning of a potential threat. With the immediate threat of March 4 passed, we must begin to ask where these allegations are stemming from, and how officials might work to contain the threats to our government. One such effort was made by the FBI in May of last year, officials identified QAnon as a potential domestic terrorism threat.

Where have the QAnon beliefs derived from? "Q" is described as a high-ranking government insider who is committed to exposing the hidden truth. Q emerged from internet message boards to mainstream platforms like Facebook and now has created a mass political issue. There are two major events that QAnon followers are awaiting, the "Storm" and the "Great Awakening." The Storm is the mass arrest of people in high-power positions and the Great Awakening is a single event where everyone will see that QAnon beliefs were accurate. These

two major events are inherently disturbing and can potentially be seen as a threat to the stability of our federal government.

Although March 4 has come and gone, there is much controversy over why that specific date was chosen for this event. QAnon beliefs include the idea that the United States transformed from a country into a corporation after the passage of the District of Columbia Organic Act of 1871. So essentially, every president, act and amendment passed after 1871 is illegitimate. In addition to that, in times before the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed, American leaders took office on March 4, giving us the day QAnon followers believed Trump would retake office.

Despite the fact that QAnon is another disproven conspiracy, there is still much unrest throughout the federal government about this movement. The potential for domestic terrorism is enough to continual worry to those who work in Washington, D.C. The alternate realities of Q's ideology will exist as long as there are still people to believe in them.

## America finally tries a basic income: Will it work?

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Most Americans won't end up listening to the full 10-hour table read of the long-awaited 628-page COVID-19 relief bill, in spite of supplications by Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson. But, buried in the bureaucratic tendencies of government that we've all come to know and love, there is a nugget of real hope. It's not just the \$1,400 one-time stimulus checks now including college students, or continuation of unemployment benefits during (hopefully) the final days of the pandemic.

No, some real hope has arrived in the form of the Child Tax Credit, part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. As the New York Times reports, although it's written "as an expansion of an existing tax credit, it is essentially a guaranteed income for families with children." It's calculated that 94 percent of families may receive up to \$300 per month per child for a twelve-month period.

This is huge. The idea of a basic income — despite being espoused both through seminal points in America's history and other countries across the world — is unfamiliar to most Americans. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote the year before his assassination, "I am now convinced that the simplest approach will prove to be the most effective — the solution to poverty

is to abolish it directly by a now widely discussed measure: the guaranteed income." Additionally, this specific tax has parallels across the world, but most notably the United Kingdom and Germany. NYC mayoral candidate Andrew Yang, through his time as a presidential candidate, has repeatedly advocated for such a universal basic income (UBI). Additionally, Yang's PAC, Humanity Forward, endorsed six candidates that won their primaries in the 2020 election cycle.

The actual efficacy of such direct payments has been debated frequently among economists, but in the communities that have actually run trials on programs like this, the effects are overwhelmingly positive. And, as the World Economic Forum writes, "Societal conflict is on track to reach a boiling point without action. The payoff of social stability and overall wellbeing is tremendous, making an even more powerful argument for UBI." Additionally, the increasingly unconventional Utah Sen. Mitt Romney has proposed even larger payments for parents than is offered in the American Rescue Plan. Unlike his plan, however, these benefits are extremely likely to be signed into law very soon.

Giving people direct payments, as shown by the overwhelming popularity and efficacy of COVID-19's stimulus checks, makes the most sense to solve many of

the problems wrought by the pandemic. Individuals, not necessarily the government, know where they need money: whether it be to cover the cost of rent, groceries, medications or even daycare. The wide-ranging effects of the pandemic require a flexible solution, and direct payments of straight cash could serve to fill that niche.

Is basic income a silver bullet to end the pandemic and alleviate every single problem that Americans have faced? Of course not. However, it shows that our society is not, in fact, content with the fact that 26 percent of Black children or 36 percent of single moms live in poverty in the wealthiest nation in the history of the world.

I hope that this program will serve to show Americans that direct payments can help lift families out of poverty and give some breathing room at a time when families are drowning financially. The real hope, however, is that people warm to the idea of direct payments in general, and that our Congress can introduce bills to make this economic idea a long-lasting reality.

Economic injustice is something to which Americans are, unfortunately, all too familiar with. Hopefully these temporary cash payments will serve to bring a speedier end to the financial toll of the pandemic, all the while serving the greater goal of filling the needs of our neediest friends, neighbors, and strangers alike.

## What to do about Myanmar

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Ever since a Feb. 1, a military-led coup d'état succeeded in overthrowing Myanmar's rightfully elected leader, the country that over 50 million call home has fallen into chaos and disorder and protests and uprisings are a constant presence in the streets alongside the horrific brutality of military countermeasures. Countless arrests and imprisonments have occurred, with dozens of lives lost as a result.

The February coup was not the first time Myanmar has been driven under martial law since gaining its independence from Britain in 1948 — nor is this even the first coup d'état since decolonization. The current circumstances in Myanmar are largely a response to this year's general election, when the military's political party was defeated by the National League for Democracy, its chief opposition. Following the election, key military figures cast the election results as fraudulent, subsequently detaining the civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Authority was then transferred to army chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Throughout its history, Myanmar has been stricken with political and civil unrest in a cyclical manner, alternating between autocratic military rule and democratization. Despite this, the military junta's hold on Myanmar has always been quite firm, even when democratic transitions have occurred. Under the military-authored 2008 Constitution, for instance, the military retained the right to assign a quarter of parliamentary seats. Given the additional requirement that any charter changes must be approved by over 75 percent of lawmakers, that provides the military with a guaranteed veto and an essential chokehold on any changes made in government.

The junta present themselves as an entity fighting for the rights of the people in Myanmar, who saw the "fraudulent election" as an attack on national sovereignty. This sentiment was repeatedly introduced into the homes of Myanmar citizens by military-controlled media.

Despite the statement mentioning a Constitutional clause that ostensibly justified the junta's actions, it is

worth noting that it does not, in fact, allow for a military usurpation under the guise of a national emergency. The power rests with the sitting president to declare emergencies, but Counsellor Suu Kyi was deposed in an early morning raid, alongside a number of her allies.

From the very beginning of the coup, the junta was faced with fierce opposition by civilian protests, with a three-finger salute widely adopted by protesters as well as red apparel, symbols with clear connection to the country's National League for Democracy party.

However, the work of the military to stifle the civilian outcry throughout the country has been severe. Thousands have been detained and incarcerated, and around 60 have been confirmed dead. Efforts to silence media dissenters have been made as well, with Associated Press journalist Thein Zaw and several other media workers being charged for their coverage of the protests. Internet and news blackouts have only served to fuel confusion and spread misinformation.

From an outsider's perspective, the situation in Myanmar is horrifying. It is difficult to imagine how it must be for those trapped inside the country, as well as a challenge to see how such a political climate can be repaired. The military junta has claimed that the state of emergency and martial law would last only a single year, yet even if they return power and allow for democratic elections to proceed smoothly, the possibility of another coup, given the success of this most recent attempt, cannot be ruled out.

To that end, Myanmar's U.N. ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun urged the international community to take decisive action in helping remove the military from power and return democratic rule to the country, accompanying his passionate speech with the characteristic three-finger salute. His words were met with derision by the coup's leadership, and Moe Tun was swiftly fired due to claims that he had, according to state television, "betrayed his country." While it is comforting to note that the U.N. has not formally recognized his firing, it is worrying to consider the ease in which the junta has been able to concoct a narrative

and force it on the media.

Restrictive actions have been taken to make the junta's rule in Myanmar more difficult. Numerous countries have distanced themselves or severed diplomatic ties as a response to the coup, and companies like Amata, Suzuki Motor and Kirin Company have ended ventures or domestic operations in the country. These steps undoubtedly harm the junta, but the truth is that they inevitably hurt Myanmar's citizens, too.

That is not to say that these aren't necessary preventative measures, and efforts such as a movement to boycott products connected to the military have emerged in the protests that bear similarities to the international response. But these are short-term solutions to a systemic problem in the country. There must be broader, more long-term efforts to effectively reduce or remove military authority in Myanmar. Otherwise, the people in the country will be forced to live under the constant threat of an entity that lurks in broad daylight.

Recently, the U.N. Security Council voted on a statement condemning the events in Myanmar and implored a restoration of democracy in the country. But not only is such a statement far from an effective action to take for the U.N., but it did not even pass given that the resolution needed to be unanimous and both China and Russia refused. Unity both at the state level and abroad is a critical factor in aiding Myanmar, but the unfortunate reality is that necessary allies like Russia and particularly China are hesitant or, in some cases, fully resistant to any meaningful outreach, possibly as a result of seeing few problems with the familiar tactics used by the junta against the Myanmar people.

It is difficult to say where to go from here, but it is important to at the very least acknowledge the core issue. Strong words and makeshift solutions are not enough to remedy the root of the problem, which is an unstable democracy in a newly developing country prone to inner conflict. The international community needs to take greater steps in aiding Myanmar with efforts not only to help the present issue but also those that could potentially and inevitably arrive later.



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# WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WRITING WORLD ON CAMPUS?

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On a campus like ours — one full of niche communities

and groups — it is likely that not everyone knows about the various clubs and organizations that cater to specific “worlds.” For underclassmen and upperclassmen alike, it can be hard to find

these certain clubs and organizations — especially in times like now, when connecting is even harder than usual. One community in particular is the Writing World. This community goes be-

yond English professors and students majoring in English; it encompasses every individual who contributes, in some way, to the sense of literary citizenship here on campus.

## The Stadler Center

The Writing World mainly revolves around the Stadler Center. This institution is housed in Bucknell Hall, a quaint brick building located on Loomis Street across from the Grove. Ever since its establishment in 1988 — by alumnus Jack Stadler '40, his wife Ralynn and Professor of English John Wheatcroft '49 — the center has continued to grow and foster the literary community on campus. According to their website, “the Stadler Center for Poetry & Literary Arts seeks to foster in a wide and varied audience an appreciation for the diversity and richness of contemporary poetry and other literary arts.”

Their staff is made up of what is called a “steering committee,” at the moment, this includes Director Chet’la Sebree, Program Manager Andrew Ciotola, Creative Writing Program Director

Chris Camuto, Acting Editor Joe Scapellato, Bucknell Seminar for Undergraduate Poets Director K.A. Hays and Professor of English Elena Machado.

On campus, the Stadler Center hosts various events and programs. The oldest programs are the Writer-in-Residence and Poet-in-Residence programs, which run in the fall and spring semesters, respectively. They also invite various established and esteemed writers to visit the University, often holding readings and Q&A sessions in their honor. Additionally, the Stadler Center has launched a student open-mic program—hosted in partnership with the Creative Writing Club.

“Stadler Center programs serve not only the Bucknell community, but also the national community of poets and writers that comprises the American literary scene. Like other univer-

sity-based centers, we help to connect the campus to the wider world,” Ciotola said.

The Stadler Center is also home to West Branch literary magazine. The magazine publishes an issue each semester, featuring work from newly established writers from across the nation and beyond. The current masthead consists of Acting Editor Scapellato, Managing Editor and Book Review Editor Ciotola, Stadler Associate Editors Jennifer Loyd and Laura Vitareal, Associate Fiction Editor Lindsey Drager, Associate Nonfiction Editor Hasanthika Sirisena and Editor-at-Large Shara Lessley.

Most notable, West Branch offers an engaging internship program for undergraduate students each semester; interns are considered a part of the magazine’s masthead and gain first-hand experience. This semester, the West

Branch Interns are Andrei Bucaloiu '22 and Nicole Yeager '22. Applications for the Fall 2021 internship are now being accepted; all information can be found on the website and any questions can be directed to Ciotola.

If you aren’t already familiar with the Stadler Center’s presence on campus, be sure to check out their website to view audio recordings of some past readings and learn more about their programs. On Thursday, March 11, the Stadler Center held their first event of the semester: a poetry reading from Diana Khoi Nguyen. Upcoming events include: a fiction reading and Q&A session with Angie Cruz on Mar. 23 at 7 p.m. and March 25 at noon as well as another student open-mic on Apr. 1 at 7 p.m. If you’re interested in signing up for any of these events, check out the Stadler Center website or reach out to Sebree.

## The Writing Center

One great student resource and welcoming writing community on campus is the Writing Center. Typically located in Carnegie Library — but currently functioning entirely via Zoom — this resource provides support and guidance for all writers in the entire University community including students, professors, faculty and staff. Their mission is to “offer individualized support to help improve your writing” and they “encourage writing as a process of creating and communicating knowledge.”

The Writing Center staff consists of Director Deirdre O’Connor, Coordinator Jo Reish, five faculty consultants—Peg Cronin, Loren Gustafson, Sabrina Kirby, Megan Mulligan, and O’Connor—and (currently) 29 peer writing consultants. Each consultant conducts one-hour sessions with writers, in which they facilitate discussion and conversation about the writer’s work in order to help clarify ideas and all content.

“One of my favorite things about working at the Writing Center is the subject range we get to engage with. Students can bring in any type of paper or written assignment from science to math to English to history. During my time as a PWC, I’ve gotten to work with some really cool papers on unique concepts—allowing

me a glimpse into some classes here on campus I don’t get to take,” peer writing consultant Bel Carden '22 said.

Writers can schedule a consulting session by calling during weekdays or booking online through TutorTrac; the link to book online can be found on the Writing Center’s website. All sessions are being conducted remotely via Zoom (or other platforms if necessary) at the moment. Check out their website for any more information!

On Wednesday, Mar. 10, the Writing Center hosted a panel discussion via Zoom titled “Pandemic U: A conversation with peer writing consultants.” The idea for this endeavor stemmed from the Writing Center’s weekly Zoom meetings where peer writing consultants and faculty talk about their work as well as their personal lives, especially in pandemic times. This discussion was organized by O’Connor, as well as the 10 peer writing consultants involved.

If you were unable to attend this first panel discussion, or otherwise missed it, there will be another one held on Tuesday, Mar. 16. The information and Zoom link will be available through the message center; please contact O’Connor with any questions.

## The Creative Writing Club

One newly established student-run organization on campus is the Creative Writing Club. This club grew out of a final project in Scapellato’s class: “The Writing World,” a group of students recognized the need for a “literary hub” on campus for all individuals who have a passion for writing, at least to some degree. Since its first few members and meetings, the club has seen promising growth since last year. The executive team is: President Yeager, Vice President Tabitha Chilton '22, Treasurer Magui Torres '22 and Events Manager Kalie Yuen '22.

“As vice president, what I love most about the club is that, while our executive team does a lot of behind the scenes planning, each and every member is able to contribute as much or as little as they want and get the most that they can out of the club for their own personal growth as a writer,” Chilton said.

The club now has over 15 members and meets once a week on Tuesday afternoons. They hold freewrites and workshops within their tight-knit group, and are hoping to have bigger events going forward.

“With the warmer weather coming, we are hoping to have a literary festival later this semester. We will have food, book giveaways and an open-mic at

the festival. We hope it’ll so-soon be a reality on campus and get more people involved,” Yuen said.

A more recent upcoming event that the club will be hosting is an open-mic in the next week; be sure to look out for more information about this event! If you are interested in learning more about the Creative Writing Club, reach out to Yeager.

Stemming from the Creative Writing Club is the student-run literary magazine for all undergraduate writing and artwork: confetti head. Since it was first created in 2018, to take the place of the formerly disbanded magazine Fire & Ice, this magazine has been resurrected and rebranded this semester.

The masthead of confetti head is now made up of Editor-in-Chief Yeager, Head Editors Chilton, Hailey Robinson '22, Josh Holm '22, Michael Smith '22, Shelby May '23 and Sabrina Barner '23, and PR/Marketing Manager Olivia Scotti '22.

confetti head accepts poetry, fiction and non-fiction submissions as well as visual artwork submissions from all undergraduate students at the University. Submissions are now open; be sure to check out their website and submit your work!







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## THROUGH TIME-HONORED CAMPAIGN, SPEAKUP FLAGS POTENTIAL ABUSE



Speak Up placed Red Flag Campaign flags outside of the Elaine Langone Center. Each flag has a relationship red flag written on it. PHOTO BY MADDIE HAMILTON | PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR

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FROM FARM TO PANTRY: A LOOK  
INTO THE BUCKNELL FARM AND  
B-EATS PANTRY

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Each spring since 2016, Speak Up, a student-run organization responsible for misconduct prevention, education and awareness campaigns on campus, puts red flags on the lawn outside the Elaine Langone Center to represent the individuals impacted by sexual, dating and domestic violence. The flags

serve as visual reminders for campus community members to say something when they see warning signs—or "red flags"—suggesting a domestic violence situation, abusive relationship, or sexual assault.

Lily Shaner '21, a SpeakUp Ally, explained that the purpose of The Red Flag Campaign is to increase awareness of unhealthy, manipulative and coercive behaviors in relationships. "The Red Flag Campaign is crucial to our campus as

it sheds light on the many 'red flags' of a relationship, as well as offers messages of support to victim-survivors of sexual and relationship violence. Students are able to read all of the flags on the upper ELC lawn, which I think helps us all reflect on how big of a problem these forms of violence can be to our Bucknell community and to everyone," Shaner further explained.

The Red Flag Campaign is a project of Virginia Sexual

& Domestic Violence Action Alliance, Virginia's leading voice on sexual and intimate partner violence, and was started by college survivors and allies. The University is one of 500 colleges to participate in the campaign.

Usually, Speak Up tables in the ELC and encourage students to physically write their experiences on the red flags while the blue and orange flags along the perimeter of the lawn feature words of encouragement as they

are more visible to passers by. This year because of Covid, Speak Up accepted student submissions via their Instagram story. "Because of Covid, we could not table as we normally would. So we decided to utilize our Instagram, and build a strong following leading up to the campaign. We continued to spread the word by reposting the Speak Up campaign on our own personal accounts to get even more people in-

## Professors say the return to in-person learning is the first step back to normalcy

Ally Lima  
Staff Writer

With COVID-19 cases on campus steadily decreasing, the University community has been rewarded for its progress with the return to in-person classes. For the past three weeks, students and professors have had the ability to choose between conducting classes remote or in socially-distant classrooms. As the positive cases on the dashboard continue to decline since the return to in-person learning on Feb. 22, it's clear that the University's relaxation has proven largely successful. While there is no way to be sure that positive cases will not increase again, perhaps in-person classes were not particularly to blame for the spread of CO-

VID-19 throughout campus. There is no question that most of the student body is eager to see their scheduled in-person classes hopefully remain independent of Zoom for the rest of the spring semester.

Though many professors have decided to continue their classes virtually, others are excited about getting back in the classroom. Political Science Professor Chris Ellis is excited to return to in-person learning. "After doing this for about 10 years, I had completely forgotten how much fun it was to be in a classroom until that experience was taken away. I've learned a bunch of new things about how to engage students differently in the past year, and more about Zoom than I wanted to know, but it just doesn't

## A pandemic year at the University

Lindsay Kaul  
Contributing Writer

On March 10, 2020, the University's students opened their email inboxes to find a surprising message from University President John Bravman: owing to the rising COVID-19 cases around the globe, students would not be returning to in-person instruction following the spring break. Students were required to gather all of their belongings from campus and move out by March 17. Since then a year has passed, and certainly the world looks a lot different than it did back then. The Bucknellian asked students about their reactions to the March 2020 COVID-19 campus closure, and how they feel about life on campus over the past year amidst COVID-19.

Lindsey Skardon '23 said her reaction to Bravman's email was one of sadness. "When we received the email last spring that we had to move out, I was sad to end my first year early, especially since I was unable to say goodbye to my hall mates and friends," Skardon said.

COVID-19 led to the abrupt closure of a variety of campus activities and operations. Students who were studying abroad were sent back to the United States, and upcoming trips were cancelled as well. Ellie Arnold '23, then planning to attend a trip to Iceland organized by

Outdoor Education & Leadership (OEL), says, "At first I was in complete denial. I was supposed to go to Iceland and a few weeks following the shutdown. If I had gone, I would have been stuck there. It was a hard reality to accept and it was difficult watching the pandemic intensify."

Following the shutdown, the University's professors, administrators, and staff — and the rest of the world, for that matter — soon entered uncharted territory. Not only was there uncertainty surrounding the pandemic as cases spread and borders shut down, but students had to adjust to the realities of remote learning. Many other universities continued remote instruction into the Fall 2020 semester, but University students were given the opportunity to return to campus in the fall.

"I definitely appreciate the University for giving students the opportunity to return to campus because not every school gave their students the same options," Skardon said. "I was very excited to return to campus and see everyone again. With the abrupt ending of last year I realized how important time on campus is, which motivated me to look for ways to become more involved."

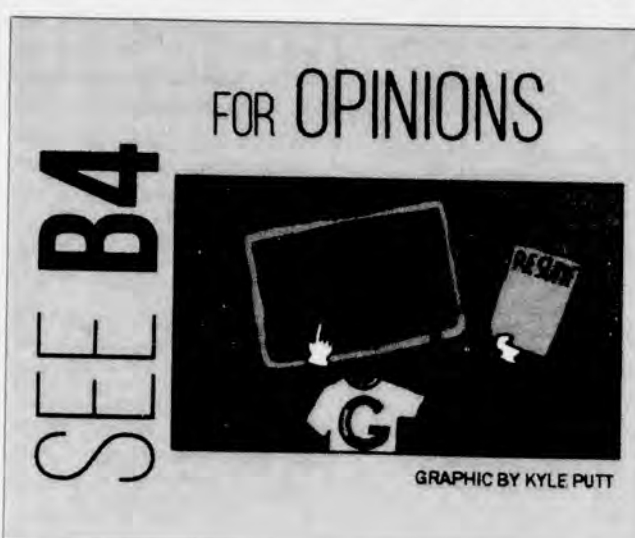
Testing protocols, mask requirements, contact tracing, isolation procedures, capacity limits and more

allowed students to remain on campus for the entirety of the Fall 2020 semester. However, the University has not been a stranger to the obstacles of operating during COVID-19. Two separate COVID-19 outbreaks last fall semester and a more severe outbreak in the beginning of this spring 2021 semester serve as reminders of the harsh reality of the pandemic. That being said, as of March 2021, cases are fortunately down once again on campus and in-person instruction has resumed.

Arnold feels fortunate that she was able to return to campus, but is still processing the changes that have occurred over the past year. "It's definitely better. However, it's hard to realize how far we have come given the freedom we had before COVID-19," Arnold said.

Eleanor Geno '23 echoed these sentiments. "I would say that things have felt surreal this semester, especially when you realize it's only been a year. It's crazy to see how far we've come in this year, but also how much everything has changed. I'm so happy we are on campus and am curious to see what changes remain permanent in the future," Geno said.

No doubt, University students have experienced a tumultuous and historic year.



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT



## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 SUNDAY, MARCH 14 MONDAY, MARCH 15 TUESDAY, MARCH 16

## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

Rage in Britain persists after the killing of Sarah Everard, a 33-year-old woman who disappeared when walking home in London on March 3 and was found dead a week later. The "Reclaim These Streets" movement persists as people question the police for telling women to sacrifice their liberties to stay safe as opposed to forcing men to end violence. Public fury falls both on men and police, with recent photographs of police officers manhandling women at a recent vigil.

COVID-19 vaccine rollouts in Europe have been slow for a number of reasons, and vaccine skepticism persists. Not only did the EU wait for all 27 of its countries to agree on how to approach negotiations with vaccine makers, they also put a big emphasis on paying a low price for vaccines. As other countries roll out vaccines with decreasing numbers of cases, European governments continue to put populations in lockdown.

## DOMESTIC

The drug company Moderna has begun a study of COVID-19 vaccines on children under the age of 12 and as young as six months old. The study is expected to use 6,750 healthy American and Canadian children. In a separate study, Moderna is testing kids ages 12-17. People are hopeful that the results from that study will be ready by summer.

U.S. President Joe Biden said New York Governor Andrew Cuomo should resign if the allegations of sexual harassment against him are confirmed by the state attorney general's investigation. With allegations of sexual harassment by multiple women, including former staff members, Cuomo rejects the calls for resignation. Cuomo now faces allegations of sexual harassment, a toxic work place and manipulation of the number of deaths due to COVID-19 in New York nursing homes.

## PANDEMIC YEAR

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Bravman's email in March 2020 may have seemed like a shock at first, but no one could have predicted how different our lives would be

a year later. Fortunately, students have remained resilient and there is hope that students will complete the current semester in its entirety.

## RETURN TO CLASSES

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feel right conducting classes from my office or basement," Ellis said.

While Ellis respects the decisions of students and professors who have continued virtual learning, finding that there are advantages to having the option of attending class through Zoom, he feels completely safe in the return to in-person learning and thinks that this is particularly advantageous for discussion-based classes.

Ellis has found that the time spent outside of the classroom has left both professors and students "rusty" in having natural classroom conversations. "I've gotten worse at leading them, and students are more reluctant to participate in them. I hope that we can get that back," Ellis said. Getting back into the classroom seems to be the first step in readjusting ourselves to the way we used to learn and collaborate with one another.

Italian Professor Bernhard Kuhn has returned to classroom instruction because he feels that he is personally able to do a better job teaching

in person versus online. While Kuhn acknowledges the risks of in-person learning, he agrees that benefits outweigh any potentially adverse outcomes. "Sure, there is always a risk going into the classroom," Kuhn said. "I try to mitigate that — the first thing I do is open the windows and have the doors open, and of course we disinfect our work spaces." By implementing safety precautions such as these, professors are able to transition back to in-person teaching in ways that feel the most comfortable for them.

Of course, there can never be 100 percent support for the loosening of regulations in such a turbulent time. However, it seems that by providing professors with the freedom to conduct classes virtually as well as to modify their in-person teaching styles to fit their own comfort levels, the semester should be able to continue as is. Though college classes may never look exactly the same, the return of in-person learning is able to give students and professors a hint of normalcy.

## RED FLAG CAMPAIGN

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involved. We then had trusted peers read over the answers to ensure the submissions remained anonymous and the messages were immediately deleted after," explained Zoe Wilson '23, Speak Up Ally.

Wilson was impressed by the amount of responses Speak Up received, and hopes that the organization will continue to use social media to engage with students. "I actually think we got more submissions on social media than we would have if we tabled just because the hesitance some people may have had about doing it which helps continue to build our social media presence," Wilson said.

Speak Up peers have the opportunity to educate fellow students on sexual misconduct, consent, relationship violence and stalking, in hopes of eradicating sexual violence on campus. The organization hosts a number of events throughout the year including Take Back the Night, the Clothesline Project, No More Month, Purple Thursday, Sex Week, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Speak Up is currently fully student run as the University has not yet replaced Rebecca Geiger as the University's Title IX coordinator, which Wilson acknowledges further complicated Speak

Up's mission. "Speak Up is a very important organization to have on campus. Student leaders are trying our best to keep Speak Up alive, even with little support from the administration. We have been going through a back and forth with various deans and people who in previous years didn't have to directly deal with Speak Up because there were people in the Title IX position of interpersonal violence prevention coordinator. It's been really tough to get this organization up and moving, but we've been really working hard," said Wilson.

One consequence of not having an administrative Title IX coordinator was the inability to host first year training workshops. "Making sure upon students arrival to Bucknell they understand the warning signs of an unhealthy relationship and how to intervene if you see something unhealthy. We are working very hard with administration to get these workshops to first years by the end of April (over Zoom) to make sure they get that education and we have a new group of peers over next summer," said Wilson.

For more information on the Red Flag Campaign and Speak Up, reach out to [speakup@bucknell.edu](mailto:speakup@bucknell.edu).

## Covid cases continue to decline on campus!

## Bucknell COVID-19 Dashboard



Screenshot of Bucknell Covid Dashboard from March 17 at 8:30 PM. Keep up to date with the latest numbers at <https://www.bucknell.edu/life-bucknell/fall-reopening/covid-19-dashboard>

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## Tragic: Students “de-commit” after actually visiting University

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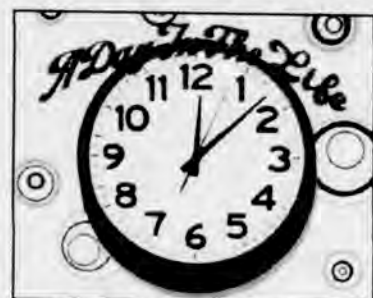
LEWISBURG, PA — The University's Admissions Office finally recognized a fatal miscalculation upon seeing applications pulled after students visit campus. This trend comes after the University began allowing those accepted and committed to the Class of 2025 to take tours of campus. Most of those previously committed students had made this agreement prior to ever seeing where they would spend the next four years, and were subsequently disgusted by their decision.

While those interested were able to engage in a virtual tour of the campus from the comforts of their lavish living rooms, some say nothing could have prepared them for what was in store upon actually arriving on campus. Prospective student Richard Kidd recounted the hellish experience to reporters, with a shaky voice, he explained that “I have never smelled anything like it. I thought I was standing in a sewage plant. I became physically ill to the point that just thinking about going back there makes me sick.” The sensory overload Kidd experienced was caused by the earthy smell of the rural town surrounding campus, which proves to be a charming feature when you get used to it, but which did not come up upon his research of the institution.

Kidd was not alone in his experience; students also recalled other off-putting qualities that led them to start thinking about dropping out. “Lehigh might actually be fun after all,” Reports show some students were astounded by the social and political climate upon entering the campus. The diversity numbers at the University are stunningly low on the website, but they had no idea it would be matched with confederate license plates upon leaving campus and “Don’t Tread on Me” flags decorating every man’s dormitory.

The University has declined to release a statement on the reduced commitments, but sources close to top campus officials say there are rumors of Public Safety being instructed to turn a blind eye to downtown parties in order to save the University’s sole lasting appeal to prospective students. In order to maintain a higher retention rate of committed students, the University has implemented a hefty down payment upon acceptance and GPS ankle monitors for those considering fleeing the country.

## This is my blood: A day in the life of the accidental miscreant



GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANNONE, GRAPHICS MANAGER

Max Bean  
Staff Writer

I did not know when it began. Throughout my time at the University, I have been hit with harsh assignments, sleepless nights and multiple on-campus quarantines. Looking back now, nothing could have prepared for what was to come — one hell of a nosebleed.

It all began in my horror film class (appropriately enough). I was busy trying to write notes on the different relationships between sensuality and horror before I felt something I could not control flow down my nose. Before I knew it, it spilled on the mask, now reduced from an object of safety to one of danger. My blood had tainted it. I could do nothing but hold my nose shut in utter disbelief, doing my best to control the red stream before I could be called out for my treasonous and dangerous actions. Now I know how superspreaders (read: everyone) feel when they cough or blow their nose. God help me if water goes through the wrong pipe — or even worse, if I sneeze during class! Not only was my mask off of my face, but I could do nothing but wait for the blood to clot and stop the flow. The class soon ended, and the various pictures of Marilyn Chambers (main star of the film “Rabid”) flickered off the screen. I ripped a paper towel into pieces and stuffed one up my bloody nostril. Now I could stop holding my nose, but the downside was that my only protection against COVID-19 was a bloody mess.

I became as dangerous as a carrier, not to mention I was

a good block or two from my dorm in Smith Hall. When the rest of the class saw me in my wretched condition, they hissed as they left, and my efforts to strike up conversation were met with panic and the sound of shoes jumping down the four flights it takes to get to ground level. Wherever I looked, grimaces and blocked doorways followed. It was only when I walked outside that I could take a breath of fresh air. Of course, it was the wrong move to make. With my bloody mask crumpled up in my hand, a crowd of people stared at me in shock and disbelief. Then came their cruel cry, one I cannot recall without tearing up, even a little at the injustice of it all. Since I could find no spare masks, nor was I allowed to enter any more of the ELC, the great cry reverberated all throughout the hall as it did all of first semester.

“MASK UP OR PACK UP!” “MASK UP OR PACK UP!”

By the time I had crossed the street, my nose was acting up again and the paper towel insert was blood red. I ran inside and clambered up the stairs to where I could toss my mask in the wash and clean myself in private. It was the most horrific experience I had ever faced, and believe me, when you’ve spent a month or two picking up goat feces at your family farm, you know when shit stinks. It wasn’t until I saw a Public Safety car outside of Smith Hall that I realized how close I had come to total and utter annihilation. One simple nosebleed had wrecked my social life, gotten me humiliated and nearly gotten me kicked off campus for good.

## “Kiss me, I’ve got antibodies”: A one-year COVID update

### DO YOUR PART!



COUGH ON FRIENDS  
GET US TO HERD  
IMMUNITY

GRAPHIC BY JAMES HOWE

Ted Kennedy  
Contributing Writer

March 17, 2021 — A little over a year ago, University students were sent home during spring break due to the rise in concern surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. If only you knew that that would be the last maskless hoorah for a year (and counting), then maybe you would’ve bought that hot mom a drink or skinny dipped in that private pool like the degenerate you’ve always hoped to be. How could anyone have known we’d get our precious spring so viciously stripped away from us? The cruel realization of not being able to subsidize the work week with 15 beers and caf pizza every Saturday only fully set in as students prematurely packed their things.

Now, here we are, in what we thought by now would be a post-COVID world. Asynchronous classes, chairs at the caf soon to be bolted into the floor, and the severe lack of parties contravene our bustling, work-hard-play-harder campus ethos. Although things seem grim, one should consider looking at the situation from a half-full glass perspective. Indeed, the more positive cases recorded, the harder it is to tell if this is a college campus or the Lewisburg Penitentiary. At times like these, it is important to remember the proverb, “This too shall pass,” applying both to the university-required class you’re getting

a C in and the uptick in COVID-19 cases. The half-full glass of our outbreak is that we are approaching herd immunity (get it?). As droves of students emerge from their solitary confinement at the COVID Suites, the only thing they want more than an edible meal is a party. Ask and you shall receive. With St. Patrick’s Day this week and antibodies flowing through students’ veins like the rate of your professor’s emails filling your inbox, the perfect storm of Irish-influenced debauchery is bound to hit.

The theory of herd immunity is especially successful in a bubble like the University. With little-to-no connection with the outside world aside from trips to the bowling alley (which I’m convinced the employees there have already brewed their own vaccine, a steady stream of Jim Beam and monster energy cocktails), a utopian society of immune students seems within our grasp. Hopes are so high about our potential COVID-safe bubble that the University president has made the executive decision to recall the Moderna vaccines that would’ve been shipped to campus. The unused funding is rumored to be allocated towards \$10,000 USD worth of obnoxious orange and blue lawn chairs, and a renovation of substance-free zones so that students can completely ignore them and everything about them on their way to Super.

## Are college students really adults?

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

There is a common misconception that when you drop your kid off at college for the first time they will spend the next four years learning how to be self-sufficient and independent, flourishing in a new academic environment and learning to navigate the space between teenager and adult.

This is wildly incorrect. Never in the history of humankind has anyone ever considered a typical college student to be an adult, especially before their last semester when they actually have to look for a job. How are you supposed to bring anyone home after a night at the bar if the place you sleep is in your parents’ basement?

College students are not adults for a slew of reasons, but one of the arguably most striking examples is that college kids have sex on weeknights. They also have STDs. I’m pretty sure most adults don’t do that because they’re so tired from doing important adult stuff all day. And hopefully not many adults have STDs either.

I’m also pretty sure most adults don’t drink more than six days a week. That’s called being an alcoholic, especially

after graduation.

College kids also can’t use microwaves correctly. The freshman dorms’ fire alarms go off a combined 37 times per month for a reason. Many are the by-products of some poor kids burning their popcorn or forgetting to add water to their ramen.

Students at the University also seem to get really excited about going to Walmart, which is no longer fun when you’re an adult. If you’re going to Walmart as an adult, you probably have to do something lame, like provide food and toiletries for your family. It’s way more fun when you’re going to buy stuff for your college dorm room.

Don’t get me wrong, the government says at age 18 you’re legally an adult. But I just don’t think the same person that got too drunk and ripped the water fountain out of the wall should be held legally responsible for anything, especially something important like a mortgage.

What’s even stranger is that the day after graduation, the same people who forget to put the water in their ramen and have no idea how to do their laundry without calling their mom are suddenly considered adults! Good luck out there. Make sure you put water in your ramen.

## The most useless college courses

Sarah Petnuch  
Staff Writer

*The Dynamic between Colors and Numbers*

This one is a bit more abstract, but think about it: seven is green. Nine is red. Two is blue. Four is purple. It doesn’t make sense but it does. There is a right and a wrong answer. Which is why there needs to be a class.

*The Art of Public Walking*

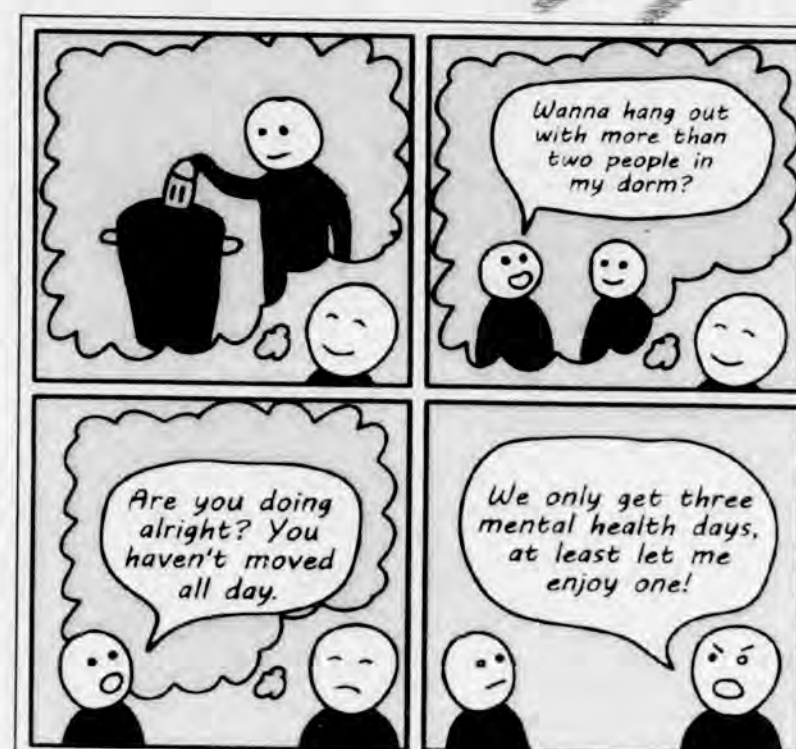
Now this one, even though it sounds mundane, might actually be quite useful. Among the friends I have asked, the consensus is generally that our biggest pet peeve is being behind a slow walker. It is a phenomenon that needs to be fixed immediately. There is nothing worse in the world than when you’re running late to an exam so you’re walking as quickly as you can, and then you come up right behind a group of slow walkers. I mean, they are barely CRAWLING — which is why there should be a class on it. Everyone should know that the proper walking speed is at least four miles per hour. Three if you’re less than five feet tall. Otherwise, there are no exceptions. And finally, for the sake of everyone’s sanity, walk on the right side of the sidewalk.

*Foundations of Handwriting*

I don’t know about you, but when I was in elementary school, I had to take a handwriting class — and I thought it was the dumbest thing. Ever. Seven-year-old me got my first ever C in that class. Why in the WORLD do I need to be good at cursive? No one even writes like that anymore! Everyone types now, so what is the point? And writing the same letter over and over — I just couldn’t handle it.

That being said, I do think there are some people that could benefit from a handwriting course, specifically boys. This, of course, is just a generalization and not the case for everyone, but 90 percent of the time, when I see a boy’s handwriting, it’s illegible. It looks like their handwriting hasn’t advanced since kindergarten. So, hey, maybe a little more focus put into handwriting could be a good thing. They must have missed that day in kindergarten, and extra practice never hurts.

## Kyle’s Corner



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHICS ARTIST



# SPOTLIGHT SERIES:

## Campus Covid Testers

Nicole Yeager  
Special Features Editor

Wake up. Brush teeth. Get dressed. Head to class (or join Zoom class). Get lunch. Get your weekly COVID-19 test.

Getting tested has become a normal part of all of our routines in the past year. In order to successfully manage a pandemic school year, the University has imple-

mented on-campus testing for all students, professors and faculty alike.

This semester, the University has been working with GENETWORx in order to provide continuous, free COVID-19 nasal swab tests for the campus community. In order to get tested, individuals first schedule their weekly test on the Aura app; testing is available Monday

through Friday from 7:30 a.m. (6:00 a.m. on Thursdays) to 3:45 p.m. At their scheduled appointment in Sojka Pavilion, individuals must scan their Aura QR code and then they will receive a personalized test tube in a plastic bag from one of the testing administrators. Next, they go to a testing agent, who will perform a mid turbinate na-

sal swab on the individual. After this, students, professors and faculty simply wait to get their results back on the Aura app; most recently, the turnaround time for test results has been expedited to 24 hours. Lastly, all individuals schedule their next weekly test — a policy intended to help manage the spread.

The Bucknellian has interviewed Dave Battinieri, Director of COVID Consulting for Colleges and Universities at GENETWORx, in order to get the inside scoop on the friendly faces we see once a week at the testing center.

*What are the day-to-day schedules like?*

Our GENETWORx staff will arrive to the testing site prior to the start time of each testing day. Project managers and site supervisors will inspect the testing site prior to opening to check for cleanliness and adequate supplies. Administrators and testing agents will then arrive outfitted in appropriate PPE. Students are checked in for their scheduled appointments using the QR codes on their Aura apps on their phones. GENETWORx administrators then use the scanned QR code to verify name and date of birth and transfer that information to the vial. The student is handed their testing vial and proceeds to the testing area. The GENETWORx testing agent will again verify their name and date of birth and proceed to perform a mid turbinate swab on the student.

*What is the behind-the-scenes process of each COVID-19 test—from when students get their test done to when they get their results back, what happens?*

Once all COVID-19 tests are processed for a certain day, they are scanned in and a manifest is created. Then the samples are couriered to our lab in either Woodbridge, N.J. or our main lab in Glen Allen, Va. Once the samples arrive at the lab they are registered, plated, and run through specialized instrumentation. When the results are obtained, usually within 12-48 hours from the day of the test, they are pushed out to students and administrators to view on the Aura platform.

*How has the rate of students getting tested changed over various points in the semester? Do all students generally get tested consistently? Is there a rise in testing when there is a spike in cases on campus?*

Generally, students, faculty and staff are tested once a week at minimum. Some student athletes need to be tested more frequently based upon recommendations from the NCAA or athletic conference.

Testing intervals and protocols are at the discretion of Bucknell — GENETWORx will test as frequently as Bucknell deems it necessary to keep the campus safe and mitigated of the COVID-19 virus.

*What is something that people might not know about the COVID testing process?*

Our in-house Aura technology, utilized by both students and school administration, is unique and highly successful in making the GENETWORx testing platform user friendly and efficient. Importantly, Aura really speeds up the turnaround time of testing for the university. It also allows GENETWORx to track samples from the time they leave the testing site, all the way to the lab and throughout the entire process until results are pushed out. Given that we know exactly where every sample is during the process, GENETWORx is able to focus on providing the best testing experience possible.

*What is the best part of the job?*

The best part of the job for anyone working at GENETWORx is knowing that we are making a

difference each and every day to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 on college campuses across the country. Allowing schools like Bucknell to reopen for safe in-person learning and allowing students to have as normal a college experience as they can during this pandemic is our goal and our mission. Bucknell's success in providing this to students is very gratifying to those performing the testing at the college and all who work at the laboratory.

During these times, when the "new normal" is becoming even more normal and Covid-19 testing is becoming a part of our everyday lives that we don't often think about, it is important to continue to stay educated on the testing process — furthermore, it is important to be kind to all the hard-working individuals who make safe and substantial COVID-19 testing on the University campus possible.

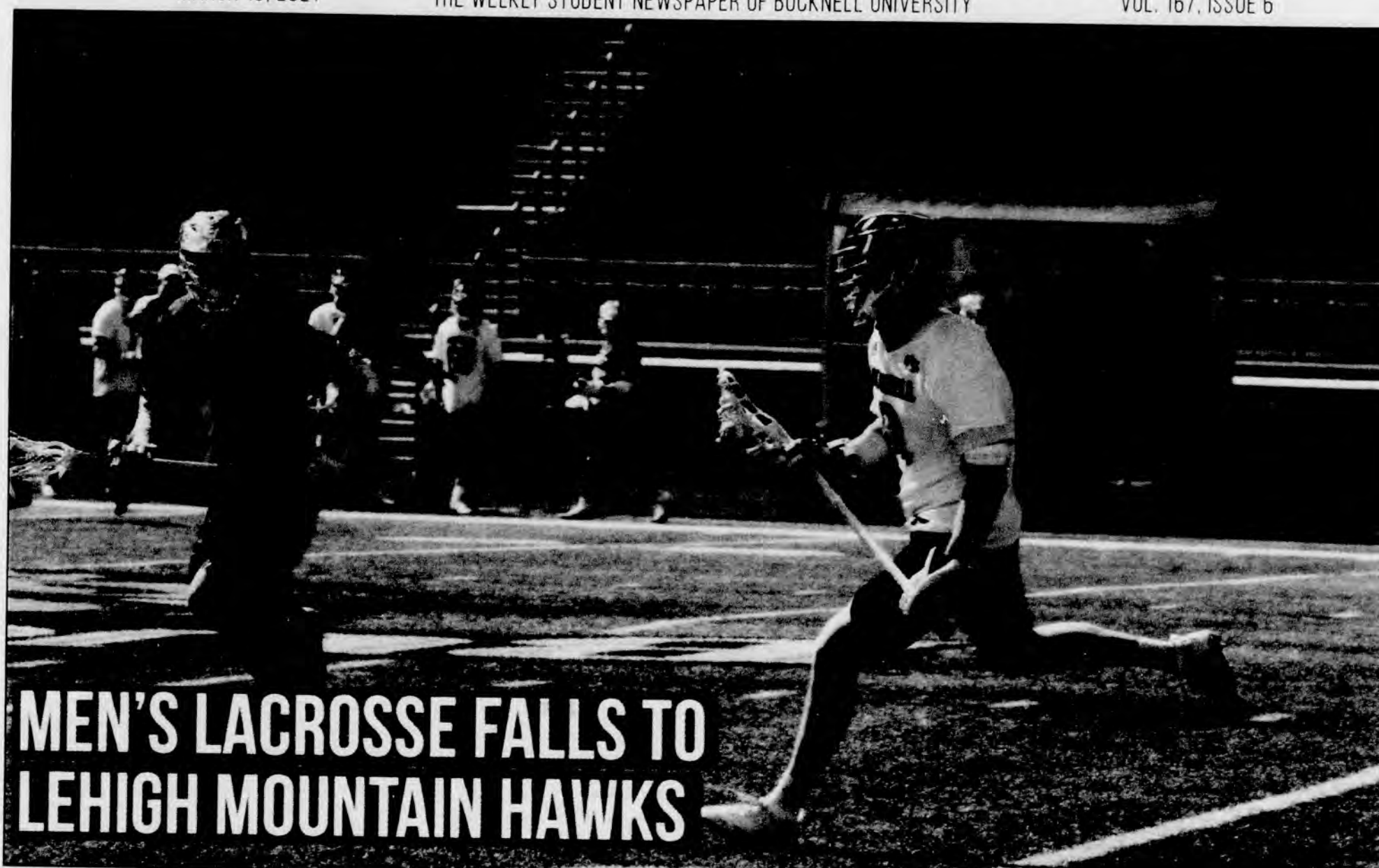


# BUCKNELLIAN SPORTS

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## MEN'S LACROSSE FALLS TO LEHIGH MOUNTAIN HAWKS

Matt Fedorjaka runs the ball down the field. PHOTO BY JACQUELINE KERLER | THE BUCKNELLIAN

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WOMEN'S AND MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

AT VIRGINIA AND NAVY ON MAR 20 ALL DAY

#### VOLLEYBALL

@ LEHIGH ON MAR 19 AT 7PM

#### MEN'S GOLF

BINGHAMTON CARPETBAGGER CLASSIC ON MAR 20

#### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

VS MICHIGAN ON MAR 20 AT 12PM

VS MOUNT ST MARY'S ON MAR 20 AT 6PM

#### SWIMMING AND DIVING

@ ARMY ON MAR 20 AT 12PM

#### BASEBALL

VS ARMY ON MAR 20 AT 12PM AND 3PM

#### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

VS LOYOLA ON MAR 20 AT 1PM

#### MEN'S LACROSSE

@ LOYOLA ON MAR 20 AT 2PM

#### MEN'S SOCCER

@ LEHIGH ON MAR 20 AT 3PM

#### FOOTBALL

VS LAFAYETTE ON MAR 20 AT 4PM

#### WOMEN'S ROWING

VS EASTERN MICHIGAN ON MAR 20 AT 4PM

#### MEN'S TENNIS

@ SAINT JOSEPH'S ON MAR 20 AT 6PM

#### FIELD HOCKEY

@ AMERICAN ON MAR 14 AT 2PM

#### SOFTBALL

@ DELAWARE ON MAR 21 AT 12PM

Anna Carroll  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's lacrosse team faced a tough battle on Sunday against No. 11-ranked Lehigh at Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium, where they fell 18-6 to the Mountain Hawks. Lehigh was quick to take a lead early on in the game with four unanswered goals. This momentum carried the Mountain Hawks through-

out the game and ultimately gave Lehigh their largest margin of victory over the Bison in program history.

Although Lehigh took an early lead, the Bison responded well in the second quarter, bringing the score to 5-2 with goals from Tommy Sopko '21 and Harry Wellford '23. Unfortunately, Lehigh did not let up, scoring five more unanswered goals to carry a 10-2 advantage into the half time.

Lehigh had strong play in the faceoff, contributing to their success in the match up against the Bison. Overall, the Mountain Hawks won 19 of 29 faceoffs in the game. For the Bison, Sopko netted a hat trick, bringing his season total of goals to 11. Wellford contributed one goal and two helpers. Reid Delanois '22 scooped up for four ground balls and caused a turnover. Ben Clark '21 saw action for the Orange and Blue

in the goal, stopping 11 shots, while Daniel Parson '23 contributed four saves.

"Lehigh is a really talented team this year and they came out firing. Before we knew it we were facing a huge deficit early in the game, one that seemed too large to overcome. Luckily, we can learn a lot from this game and apply it next weekend against Loyola. We're really excited to get back after it this Satur-

day against another strong team," Clark said.

Overall, Lehigh led in shots (50-38), shots on goal (33-21), and ground balls (52-20). The Mountain Hawks edged out the Bison causing 11 turnovers with contributions from several players on their team.

The Bison will be back to battle next week against Loyola Maryland for a 2 p.m. game on Saturday March 20 in Maryland.

## Baseball has up and down weekend

Alex Bolinger  
Contributing Writer

The Bison baseball team had a turbulent weekend against the Lehigh Mountain Hawks. In three games against the team from Bethlehem, the Bison were only able to capture one win. On Saturday, the Bison split a double header before losing a wild extra innings affair on Sunday.

The first game was marked by an impressive five innings tossed by senior Brendan Tuttle '21. In his five innings of work Tuttle had 11 strikeouts and only allowed a single earned run in his time on the mound. The first game was a great pitching bout between the teams' two aces, Tuttle and Lehigh's Ryan Deom. With both pitchers with major league potential, it was an exciting Patriot League matchup.

The Bison took an early 2-0 lead after Caleb Broughton '21 and Jacob Corson '24 both crossed home plate. The lead was held for the five innings that Tuttle pitched and he left the game with the Bison leading 2-1.

"I am proud of this team for battling against a good Lehigh team. When we lost the first game most teams would

have let that carry over into the second leg of the double header. I think that winning the second game on Saturday says a lot about the character of this team," Tuttle said.

The Bison, although holding a one run lead late in the game, lost the first game of the double header 5-4 after Lehigh brought in two runs in the bottom of the 7th.

However, the Bison found their groove in the second game of the double header. This was an important win for the Bison, as it was their first of the year. The second game was again marked by great pitching on both sides. Will Greer '22 was able to pitch well for the Bison as he recorded eight strikeouts in seven innings of work and only allowed five hits in a career high 109 pitches thrown.

The hitting started to open up for the Bison in the top of the 7th inning as hits by Corson, Peter Marren '21 and Henry Novicki '23 brought the Bison to a 1-0 lead. Jacob Terwilliger '23 was able to add a run in the 8th inning and two more runs in the top of the ninth led to a 4-0 Bison lead before moving to the bottom of the ninth. The Mountain Hawks added three runs in the

bottom of the frame to make things interesting but two consecutive strikeouts by Andrew Funovits '22 finished the game and the win for the Bison.

The final game of the weekend was the most wild. If the double header was marked by pitching, the game on Sunday was a hitting affair. With a combined 27 total runs scored, Lehigh was able to win 17-10 in a game that had to go to the 12th inning before it could decide a winner. Impressive hitting performances by the Bison bats were not enough to catch a Lehigh team that caught fire in the top of the 12th. Although Marren and Logan Kellerman '23 were both able to log three hits and three RBI's a piece, the game will mostly be remembered for the 16 batters that were hit by a pitch. This shatters an old NCAA record that many thought could never be broken. Lehigh's leadoff hitter, Eric Cichocki was hit by four different pitches, one shy of the NCAA record for one game.

The Bison hope to get the offensive attack that they had Sunday combined with the pitching they had Saturday moving forward. Next weekend the Bison square off against Army, a very formidable opponent.

## Women's lacrosse rebounds from overtime loss



Katie Wendell '22 looks for a shot on goal. PHOTO BY MADDIE HAMILTON | PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR

Nick Spurduto  
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team earned their first win of the season on Saturday, knocking off Lafayette, 15-7. The Bison attack was strong once again. Julia Bradbury '21 scored a career-high five goals and Ellie Mayer '24 tallied three, the first of her collegiate career. Both received Patriot League honors for their performance. Bradbury was named midfielder of the week while Mayer received rookie of the week.

"After our (overtime) loss against Saint Bonaventure (who was ranked lower than us), instead of sulking, we came back to the next week of practice with our heads high, which allowed us to dominate Lafayette," Mayer said. "When we scouted Lafayette, the attack really took time to understand the tendencies of their defense. We played a new

offense and incorporated many new plays," Bradbury said.

The preparation showed, as the Bison led the Leopards in shots (38-22), ground balls (24-17), and draw controls (15-9). Katie Wendell '22 (2g-1a), Laurel McHale '22 (2g-1a), Kali Peoples '21 (2g-1a), and Caroline Walsh '21 (1g-1a) were all major contributors to the dominant performance.

The defense for the Orange and Blue was especially stout in the second half. After leading by only two at halftime, it took Lafayette nearly 27 minutes to score their next goal. Caitlin Tucker '22 made six saves in net for the Bison.

"I learned that our team is resilient. I'm looking forward to more competitive Patriot League games and wins alongside my teammates," Tucker said.

The Bison will return to action this Saturday when they host the Greyhounds of Loyola.

## Great Breakfasts!

Legendary

Cinnamon Bun Pancakes

Street of Shops Restaurant

100 North Water Lewisburg, PA

7am Mon-Sun Closed, Tue



## Men's soccer defeated American

Emily Doyle  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's soccer team played American University in their first home game at Emmitt Field this past Saturday, March 13. The Bison have been using a substitute field in Williamsport that was located on Penn's College campus. The Bison defeated American 2-1, with goals scored by Patrick O'Hara '22 and Trevor Wiggins '21.

The Bison played with aggression, determination and collaboration. Matt Thorsheim '21 was able to assist on the first goal of the game. Thorsheim completed a cor-

ner kick which was sent to the near post of the goal. O'Hara then headed the ball into the net. This goal warranted a major celebration from the Bison.

"It felt great we were really excited to be back on Emmett for the first time since the 2019 season. We had worked on set pieces all week and I felt we were putting a lot of pressure on them early so it felt really good to be rewarded with a goal early on," O'Hara said.

American tied the game in the 17th minute by scoring on a penalty kick. However, the Bison continued their intense play, throughout the game. The goal scored by American did not set the Orange and

Blue back. Rather, the team responded with another goal, scored by Wiggins.

"It feels good to start off with a win in division play after a poor showing against Lafayette in the previous week. We still have a lot to work on, but the result was a much needed morale boost for the team. Hopefully we can keep this momentum rolling into next Saturday," Wiggins said.

The Bison will play again this upcoming Saturday, March 20. The Bison will take on Lehigh University. The game will be played away on Lehigh's campus. The game will start at 3 p.m. and will be streamed on ESPN+

## Volleyball looks to bounce back after loss to Lehigh



Delaney Lewis '21 bumps the ball.  
PHOTO BY AMANDA KALAYDIAN | THE BUCKNELLIAN

Roger Mellado  
Contributing Writer

The momentum from last week's historic win over American didn't seem to follow the Bison volleyball team on their trip to Bethlehem this past weekend or in the Davis Gym in their home-and-home split matchup against the Mountain Hawks. On Sunday, the Bison lost to the Mountain Hawks 3-0. This was their first loss by three sets so far this season. The first match went 17-25, then 19-25, and then finally a 14-25 set put the nail in the coffin.

Although the outcome wasn't in their favor, the Bison fought hard and had a number of players that made large impacts on the floor. Lisa Zoch '23 spearheaded the comeback

effort with a team high nine kills, four digs, a service ace and also managed a 300 contact percentage. Delaney Lewis '21 was also impressive, boasting eight kills and four digs. Along with Zoch, two other sophomores had a strong presence on the court. Zoe Stupek '23 posted six digs and Kelsey O'Loughlin '23 assisted her teammates 19 times.

The Bison are scheduled to face the Mountain Hawks again this upcoming weekend. They will play Friday in Bethlehem and then again Sunday at home in Davis Gymnasium. The team, led by their two seniors Anna Carroll '21 and Delaney Lewis are setting themselves up for

"Well, obviously this weekend was disappointing, especially after such

a great win over American the week prior. But, given everything that we have had to endure over the last few months between preparing for the season under COVID guidelines and the uncertainty of having a season at all our girls have proven their resilience. I know the team is more motivated than ever after this past weekend and we are looking forward to getting another shot at Lehigh this weekend," Carroll said.

The stage is set for a big weekend of Bison Athletics, and we are anxiously awaiting to report back on the bounce-back success that will undoubtedly come for the volleyball team not only this weekend, but throughout the remainder of their season.

## Women's soccer falls to the Greyhounds

Laurel McHale  
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's soccer team fell to Loyola 1-0 under the lights of Ridley Sports Complex on Saturday night, after the Hounds finished a breakaway goal in the 73rd minute.

The Orange and Blue had been controlling play for much of the game, but struggled to find the back of the net. In the 53rd minute, Jenna Marek '21 sent a beautiful pass to the top of the six-yard box, but Rylee Donaldson '23 could not get a touch on it. Only ten min-

utes later, the Bison were awarded a couple corner kicks. Holly Burns '22 got her head on the ball, but just missed the top left corner.

"I thought we battled very hard and definitely kept them on their toes the whole game. We played well, but we are missing the final component of finishing the ball," Petie Nassetta '23 said.

Loyola found success with just over 17 minutes left to play, as goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 was found in a 1v1 situation, unable to make the tough save from the toe-poke shot from the Loyola forward, charging

at her. Hall split time with goalkeeper Kaylee Donnelly '23 for the second week in a row. Donnelly started and made two saves, while Hall came in to make three.

The Bison are preparing this week to play the Lehigh Mountain Hawks, Sunday at 1 p.m. on Emmitt Field at Holmes Stadium.

"We are super excited to bring the same heart and determination to win in the game this coming Sunday. We need to focus on taking more shots and really testing Lehigh's keeper. We definitely are capable of beating them," Nassetta said.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUCKNELL ATHLETIC DEPT.

**JULIA BRADBURY '21**  
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

### PROFILE

HOMETOWN: UPPER SADDLE RIVER, N.J.  
HIGH SCHOOL: NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL

Holly Burns  
Senior Writer

This past weekend, the Bison women's lacrosse team opened up Patriot League play with a strong 15-7 win over Lafayette. Midfielder Julia Bradbury '21 netted five goals on the day and was crucial to the team's victory. This was Bradbury's career high for goals and points in a single game, topping her previous record of three.

Bradbury has been an impactful player for the Orange and Blue since her freshman season, and has played in 36 games since stepping foot in Lewisburg. 10 of those games being starts. Bradbury was also named a captain for the Bison this season, alongside teammates Mason Rode '21, Kali Peoples '21 and Eva Macris '22.

Off the field, the biology major excels academically, and earned Patriot League Academic Honor Roll accolades during her freshman and junior seasons.

This year, senior athletes who's sport competes in the spring, like Bradbury, have not had the opportunity to compete in the Patriot League since their sophomore season, so she is really excited to be able to compete in the league with such a strong team.

"Playing games within the Patriot League adds an extra

sense of rivalry and it's going to be exciting to see how much our team has improved over the last two years. We could already see it in our game against Lafayette on Saturday, who we beat 15-7, yet two years ago we went into overtime with them," Bradbury said. "It's been great to already see our team's older talent mesh with the younger talent. It shows how much potential our team already has, and I'm excited to see it develop even more throughout this season."

While last weekend the Bison suffered a tough loss, Bradbury kick started the play that led to Emma Cashwell's '22 buzzer beating goal that sent the game into overtime. Bradbury expects the team to build even more against their first two games, and commented on how she expects big things for the Orange and Blue this season.

"All last week we pushed each other every day to prepare for the game on Saturday. It was great to get the first nerves out and get focused in on our play. If we keep that up for the rest of the season I see us being really successful," Bradbury said.

Unfortunately, Bradbury's junior season was cut a bit short due to COVID-19, but she is still thankful for her teammates' constant support during her time as a Bison.

"I think I've become the player I am today because I've

been surrounded by great teammates that push me to be better every day. We are never lacking motivation and are constantly pushing to improve, which has helped me to keep my focus and keep working hard," Bradbury said. "Our team makes the best out of every situation and there is never a dull moment when we're all together. I couldn't be more grateful to have spent the past four years with my teammates. The memories we have made on and off the field are some that will last a lifetime."

The Orange and Blue return to action this coming Saturday, March 20, facing no. 12/13 ranked Loyola on their home turf.

### CAREER STATS

**36 GAMES PLAYED**  
**10 GAMES STARTED**  
**32 GOALS**  
**4 ASSISTS**  
**36 POINTS**

## Men's tennis falls to NJIT

Clara McCormick  
Contributing Writer

With a couple of injured players this week, the Bison men's tennis program had a disadvantage going into their match against NJIT this past Sunday, March 14 in Williamsport, Pa. They ended up losing 2-5.

Despite the loss, Nick Mueller '23 showed up big

for the Blue and Orange, winning both number 3 singles 6-3, 7-5 and two doubles alongside partner Guillermo Torres '23, 7-5. Michael Owen '23, who earned the title of Patriot League Player of the Week after his performance last weekend, also beat his Highlander opponent at number 1 singles 6-2, 2-6, 3-1 by retirement.

"We see a lot of potential

in some of the younger and newer guys and are very optimistic going forward in the season," Cooper Bradshaw '22

Next Saturday, Bison men's tennis will travel to Philadelphia, Pa. to take on Saint Joseph's University at 6 p.m. In their previous matchup that took place in February 2020, prior to the COVID-19 shutdown, the Bison defeated the Hawks 5-2.

## Men's basketball season ends in a loss

Leah Fogelsanger  
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's basketball team has faced an unforgettable season with hard fought battles both on and off the court. Rattled with not only several injuries throughout the season, the Bison also faced an onslaught of inconveniences when it came to COVID-19 restrictions and policies. Unfortunately for the men's basketball team, their 2020-2021 season ended earlier than they had hoped with a loss in the Patriot League Tournament Semifinals.

On March 10, the Orange and Blue were unable

to hold off the scoring drive of Colgate as they faced off in Hamilton, N.Y., which ended in a final score of 105-75. The second-seeded Raiders came out hot, posting 58 points in just the first half and 47 points in the second.

However, those Colgate points did not go unanswered. John Meeks '21 had another phenomenal week with a team-high 23 points on 10-for-20 shooting. Meeks finishes the season with a 25.3 points per game scoring average, one of the highest in the country.

Other Bison who contributed big on the court were Andrew Funk '22, Andre Screen '24 and Walter Ellis '21. Funk

added 13 points, while both Screen and Ellis added eight points each with six rebounds and six assists, respectively.

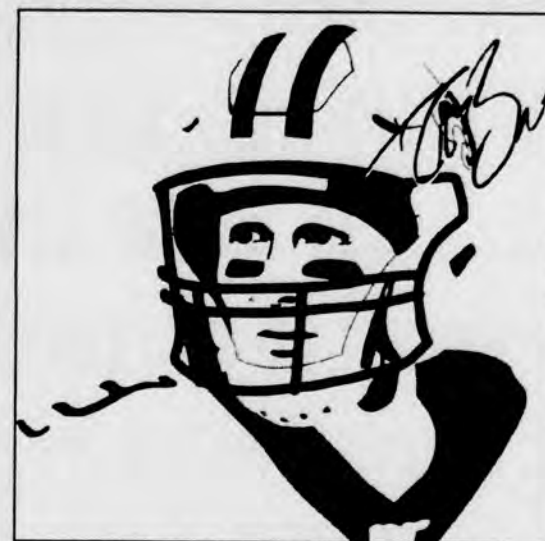
From the field, the Bison shot 44.6 percent but hit only just 8 of 28 of their 3-point attempts. The Raiders shot 52.6 percent from the field and went 11-for-19 from downtown. The Raiders, ranked as the fourth highest scoring team in the country, accumulated a 50-28 rebounding average, which led to a 20-9 edge over the Bison in second-chance points.

Fortunately for the Bison, they have a young team that is strong and ready for the next season.



# BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION



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## The final stop reached for the legendary Boilermaker

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Senior Writer

In the year 2006, New Orleans — and the Gulf Coast region as a whole — received a gift that would keep on giving for the next decade and a half. Drew Brees joined the Saints organization as a quarterback from Purdue University. One of the most decorated players in NFL history, Brees's career is filled with breath-stopping moments, record-breaking numbers and heart-crushing defeats that at once shaped player, team and league as a whole. In 2011, Brees broke

the record set in 1984 by Dan Marino with the single-season passing yards record of 5,476. Seven times throughout his career he led the league in passing yards, the most of any quarterback. His career completion percentage is 66.7 percent — the highest among any quarterback who has played more than four seasons; in 2018, he set an official NFL yearly record with 74.4 percent completion. Throughout his whole career, he has completed a total of 7,142 passes.

Before his career with the Saints began, Brees spent time with the Los

Angeles Chargers from 2001-2005. As with many great athletes' stories, Brees refused to be limited by his early difficulties. As the Chargers quarterback in 2003, Brees went 4-12, threw 15 interceptions and only 11 touchdown passes, averaging 192 passing yards per game that season. Brees established himself as pure greatness that year by believing in himself when no one else did. The next season, he led his squad to a 12-4 record and a playoff berth. After tearing his labrum in his last game as a Charger, only the Dolphins and the Saints were willing

to sign him as a free agent.

But allow us to go back in time even further, when Brees walked the streets of West Lafayette, Indiana. Then a three-year starter at Purdue, he ended his career with 11,792 passing yards and 90 touchdown passes, throwing only 45 interceptions. Nevertheless, he was a two-time BIG10 Offensive Player of the Year, a 2000 Academic All-American, 2000 Maxwell Award Winner and a two-time Heisman Trophy Finalist. In 2001, he led his Boilermakers to the Rose Bowl, making the world and college football aware of Purdue football.

On the BIG10 Career list, he ranks first in passing yards and completions. He also ranks second in passing attempts, passing touchdowns, and total offense.

Beyond his remarkable statistics, Brees's true greatness lay in his intangibles. Starting at Purdue, he was an industrial management major who made community service a priority, eventually winning the Socrates award in 2000 for his outstanding commitment to athletics, academics and community service. In 2006, he was awarded the co-Walter Payton Man of the Year. Not only an as-

tonishingly good player, Brees was a man of grit, accountability, and pure work. His belief in himself led him to the top time and time again; his character and inner belief were what allowed him to stay there.

All Brees ever needed was a chance, an opportunity. He did not care what anyone else said. The reporters, his coaches, his teammates did not dictate his success and he did not need anyone else's validation. Brees showed up every time because he believed he could. And then he did.

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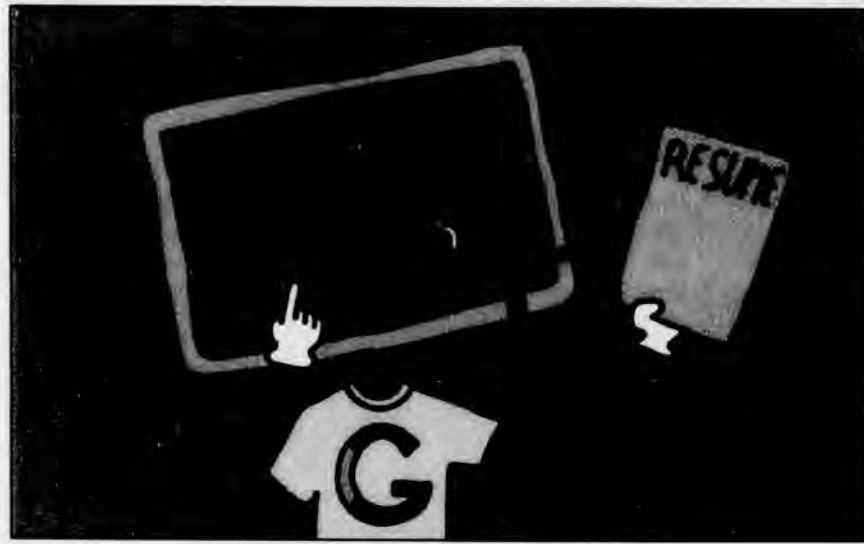
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## The firing of Timnit Gebru shows the performative nature of American capitalism



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Last December, Timnit Gebru was fired from her position as an artificial intelligence researcher at Google. The firing sparked a massive pushback from both within and outside the company, with many activists and Google employees voicing their concerns over the ethics of the situation. Google maintains that Gebru voluntarily stepped down from her position, even though Gebru denies the claim and argues that she was forced from the position. The source of the conflict centers around a paper Gebru co-authored that discussed harmful biases within Google's AI practices. Additionally, Gebru claims that her criticisms of Google's hiring practices also contributed to her termination. This issue is not merely an isolated incident of workplace drama; one could even argue that its significance applies to multiple different discussions currently occurring in American society, namely worker rights and the performative nature of the corporate world.

When George Floyd was killed by police officers in May 2020, Google's CEO released an email to the company that explained their commitment to helping

the Black community and supporting Black creators on platforms such as YouTube. Though these efforts appear noble in isolation, it becomes more problematic when one contextualizes this act with the firing of Gebru. Her comments and criticisms of Google are in no way opposed to the solidarity the company swore to after George Floyd's death, making her termination all the more confusing. Why would Google allegedly terminate an employee when her criticisms align with the company's newfound goals regarding social justice? Though there are a wide range of possible explanations, one cannot be blamed in thinking that Google's initial statement was a public relations stunt aimed at generating positive media attention. It would be different if the company held a different belief and wanted to begin an open dialogue with Gebru, but her termination and the allegations surrounding its details show that such a dialogue was likely never in the picture.

Public relations is a powerful strategy that any company can use for genuinely good purposes. News and updates from a company can help customers and prospects better understand what their business model and philosophy is before beginning a partnership. How-

ever, when public relations becomes performative, it can lead to more harm than good, namely giving the public a false impression of the company's beliefs. Google's resistance to Gebru's criticisms show that their dedication to the Black Lives Matter movement and the wider BIPOC community is superficial, only coming into existence to placate the public's demands for a socially responsible corporate culture. Google is not the only company who engages in this behavior, as a large number of companies participate in similar public relations gimmicks without any real intention of enacting social change.

Gebru's case also shows the need for a stronger workers' rights movement in modern America. Our country has historically seen strong unions and labor rights movements that contributed to many of the benefits we enjoy today. If Gebru was terminated for her criticisms that intended to improve Google's culture, it becomes clear that the employee-worker power dynamic is unfair — not only at Google, but in many other corporations across the country. She was not defaming the company, she was not giving competitors an upper hand, she was merely criticizing the company, a practice all Americans should be able to do without consequence.

## Stimulus or Socialism?

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On March 11, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), the first piece of major legislation under the Biden administration, which allocates nearly two trillion dollars for relief from the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill, designed to counteract the domestic recession as well as the health and economic consequences of the yearlong pandemic, built upon precedents established in previous relief bills, including the CARES Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 signed into law by the Trump administration. The ARP provides direct payments totaling \$1,400 to millions of Americans, financial aid to small businesses — with over \$28 billion allocated specifically to private restaurant owners — as well as \$14 billion to assist with vaccine distribution, \$25 billion in rent assistance and an expansion of the annual child tax credit. During its signing, U.S. President Joe Biden remarked that "this bill represents a historic victory for the American people."

Despite initial polling demonstrating the bill being immensely popular, with 7 out of 10 Americans in support of the bill, Republican and GOP lawmakers stood almost unanimously opposed to its passage. Republicans crit-

tiqued the bill for its enormous spending plan, emphasizing the need to make careful decisions on the national debt; the U.S. Treasury Department announced a \$1 trillion deficit in government spending the same week. Other Republican lawmakers, such as Representative Steve Scalise (R-La.) dismissed the bill as unfocused, arguing that "this has nothing to do with COVID... this is a failed socialist approach." Nonetheless, the bill marginally passed the House of Representatives, 218-212, and required Vice President Kamala Harris to cast her first tie-breaking vote in order to give the Senate's approval to begin revisions.

While millions of Americans are distracted by the excitement of the \$1,400 check they are about to receive via mail or electronic deposit, this bill is indicative of a larger problem within the American legislative system: gridlock. Economically, the United States generally benefits from a House of Representatives, Senate and Presidential office controlled by the same party. Whether Republican-controlled — usually bringing laissez-faire strategies to incentivize economic growth — or majority Democratic — enacting stimulus to encourage consumer spending — a united government is not only more efficacious, but easier to predict for citizens and business leaders. While today the Democratic Party

holds a narrow margin in both the House of Representatives and Senate, American statistics and polling-based news source FiveThirtyEight argues this may not last for long: "The likelihood that Democrats keep both the House and the Senate in 2022 are low, as the president's party almost always loses seats in the midterm elections." With our modern level of polarization, and consequent control of Congress seemingly teetering with every election, the political affiliation is becoming more and more important. Remember how stressed you were during the November election?

In many ways today, it feels as though this stress translates into an ever-growing animosity between Democrat or Republican. Some of U.S. President Donald Trump's critics blame the loss of his second term on his failure to unite the country, instead engaging in bluntly partisan division in cultural touchstones. Even so, this is not the first era of elevated polarization America has faced. During the end of the Gilded Age (1876–1896), parties with loose ideological coalitions forced the majority of elections to be called by razor thin margins. Perhaps today we have the opposite issue: extreme partisanship and polarization. The definition of Democrat or Republican has grown to be too dichotomous and we are on one side or the other, blue or red, never gray.

## Why should you treat yourself?

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The first month of the 2021 spring semester was one of gloom. The weather was horrible and homework piled up alongside the positive COVID-19 cases on campus. There was not much to look forward to, and the repetitive days made me feel like I was living the plot of "Groundhog Day." I quickly realized I needed to check myself on my attitude and behavior, though I had to break this cycle that I had dreaded so much — complaining while not doing anything about it. I had to do something to change.

Over the past month, I have done one thing a day to treat myself in some way — either by helping others or myself. The first week of this practice felt, well, weird. Up until this point, I do not think that I have ever specifically taken time out of my day for myself. Yes, I do work out regularly, eat my favorite foods and watch my favorite shows, but there was something

compelling about marking time out of my day for those things, rather than just fitting them in when I had a free moment. We carve out time for classes and studying, so why is it not also necessary to carve out time for the other activities that bring us joy? Maybe others need some inspiration to get started. Some of the favorite experiences that I have had on over the past month have been checking in on family members, going on long walks alone and with friends, getting takeout with friends and eating it outside while watching the sunset, and setting aside time every few days to write.

I'm not encouraging you to go on an online shopping spree or get Amami everyday for a week (both of which I may have done over the past month), but I am saying that students need to prioritize themselves sometimes. At first, it might seem odd to set out time to paint your nails or watch Netflix, but after a while, I grew to love knowing that I had something to look forward to each day and week. Sometimes, school work or other obligations prevent us from indulging in

those treats are so easily pushed to the side. This is especially a problem for University students, who often take on a large number of responsibilities while balancing challenging classwork. The New York Times writes, "Self-care ultimately is about setting priorities, setting boundaries and finding purpose." Ultimately, this means giving yourself the best chance to be the best you can for yourself and for others.

In one of my classes this week, we talked about why everyone is so focused on wanting to be happy all the time. There is something in the back of our heads constantly telling us that if things are not perfect, then we should fix it as soon as possible because they must be wrong. Especially during these times, it is beyond normal for students to be stressed out or overwhelmed. There is no reason to think that something is wrong with you if you are feeling this way. But, you can do something for yourself now and again to remind yourself of how important you are to yourself, and that there are glimmers of joy available for you when you want them.

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## How has the pandemic year affected women specifically?



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As Americans, we learned about the Coronavirus shortly after a cluster of cases on New Year's Eve of 2019. Three months later, in March 2020, we learned the serious implications of the virus as we witnessed the beginning of a global outbreak. Businesses closed to limit the spread of the virus, leading to a major decrease in household spending, which spurred an economic pause in the United States and in the world. It has been a year since the beginning of the pandemic, and although life is gradually getting back to normal, businesses and individuals around the country are still facing medical, economic, and social devastation. An exceedingly large amount of these people are women and girls.

Throughout the year, the effects of COVID-19 on women in the United States have been drastic, and they have been even worse for women of color. Most importantly, women faced demanding economic restraints, which has now

pushed 47 million more women below the poverty line. These changes are due to the fact that women are already living on economic margins as a result of unequal representation between genders. For instance, more than 5.4 million women in the workforce were fired because they spent time away from work taking care of their children who were sent home from school. Additionally, millions of young girls and teenagers were taken out of school this year, losing time and money spent on their education.

In addition to the economic implications, the isolation brought on by the pandemic exacerbated gender-based violence across the world. Many women and girls are living with abusers and do not have the means or strength to leave due to their lack of wealth.

How can we help combat the toll taken on women this past year? Since the 19th century, women have been fighting to obtain the same rights as men. This is why programs such as the Women's Movement have grown so steadfastly in the

21st century. These movements have manifested much growth in equal opportunity for women, this year especially in the inauguration of the first female Vice President Kamala Harris. Women deserve equal representation in all COVID-19 response planning and decision making. After all, if there are no women making decisions, then who will be there to think of them?

In order to provide women with the same economic opportunities as men, many are pushing for equality in the care economy. Teachers, nurses and other care workers — the majority of whom are female — are oftentimes underpaid and invisible, though all are foundational to the economy. There is a need for direct support to care workers, as well as women-led businesses.

Surely, we are nearing the end of the pandemic and the economy will bounce back. In the meantime, the women who have been severely impacted by the effects of COVID-19 need assistance so that when this is all over they will be secure and intact.

## Is Andrew Cuomo cancelled?

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It's about time that New York governor Andrew Cuomo's position is threatened. Just months after receiving backlash and condemnation from his burdensome COVID-19 restrictions that made thousands of people jobless and fall into poverty, the governor is facing new allegations that will hopefully end his career. Cuomo, being one to quickly retaliate against those who oppose his beliefs and agenda, has created a horrible reputation for himself over the years. Not only has his brutal manner formed his horrible reputation, but recent allegations have made many aware of how terrible Cuomo really is.

The three-term governor has refused to resign after facing two crises simultaneously within the past year. Since the early months of 2020, the Cuomo administration has been under fire due to their undercounting of nursing-home deaths caused by the virus. It was found that, "many have attributed a significant chunk of New York's coronavirus deaths to the state's policy from early in the pandemic of discharging contagious patients into group homes filled with highly vulnerable people," says reporter Tyler Olsen. Cuomo and his administration made the detrimental decision to require nursing homes in New York to accept patients who were infected with COVID-19. In addition, Cuomo went on to hide the data on the number

of deaths in nursing homes in order to significantly downplay the toll of nursing home residents infected with the virus. Dealing with the early stages of a global pandemic calls for tough decisions, but Cuomo's deceit to the public and cover up of important information is not acceptable behavior and is a very bad representation of true leadership.

Calls from across the country for Cuomo's resignation have been made after the allegations of sexual assault and his impact on the nursing home scandal that resulted in thousands of deaths. With this being said, Cuomo's fall from grace was inevitable as "either Democrats and the left find sexual harassment a greater sin than the slaughter of senior citizens, or they waited until those allegations arose to oust Cuomo, using them to save institutional face for nursing home deaths," writer for The National Interest, Pedro Gonzalez, shares. As of March 9 five women have come forward and accused Cuomo of sexual harassment or inappropriate behavior. With all eyes on the New York governor, Cuomo shared that there is "no way" he will voluntarily resign from his position and that he did not assault any women. A former communications consultant who worked with Cuomo shared that "his primary tool for governing is to create fear." Additionally, many who have worked with or for Cuomo have come forward sharing that the governor has threatened to end their career for small slip ups

and constantly referred to his top female colleagues as "the mean girls." While continuing to deny the accusations women have made, Cuomo did apologize for his rash comments towards women, but an apology is not enough. In a survey of 805 registered New York voters, 32 percent shared that they are unhappy with the ways in which Cuomo has addressed the allegations while 57 percent are satisfied. Furthermore, "fifty percent said he should not resign, while 35 percent said he should. Nearly half said they believed he could continue to do his job effectively as governor, with 34 percent saying he could not." The New York Times writer Luis Ferré-Sadurni shared. The survey's findings demonstrate that Cuomo may be on the safe side. It is concerning that people still want Cuomo in power considering he is a liar, a traitor to New York citizens, and has been accused of sexual assault on multiple accounts.

The report that is to come months from now will hopefully completely demolish Cuomo's reputation and career as governor. A man who is accused of sexual assault by at least five women should not hold any power in our country and does not demonstrate appropriate leadership. It is upsetting that people are still rooting for Cuomo after all of the destruction he has caused over the past year. He does not fit the mold of what many think a "good leader" should be. As of now, Cuomo may finally be cancelled.

## The dangers of lifting the mask mandate

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Governors Greg Abbott of Texas and Tate Reeves of Mississippi announced that they are lifting their state's mask mandates, going against numerous warnings from health officials. Both governors reasoned their announcements with the fact that businesses are struggling, however, by ignoring health officials and the persistent presence of COVID-19, they are ultimately harming their citizens.

The effects of the lift of the mask mandate were rapidly apparent. "Mask required" signs were taken down, citizens walked around outside and inside mask-less and U.S. President Joe Biden also spoke on the matter. Biden described these actions similar to that of a "Neanderthal." This raises the question: how could these governors decide to take away one of the most effective ways of preventing infection?

While vaccinations are being distributed at an impressive rate nationwide, some states are still experiencing limited supplies and many people are still deeply affected by this virus. This removal of mask requirements is worrying many public health officials

that the spread of the virus will accelerate once again. Even though the vaccine would normally offer hope, this does not mean we can loosen our awareness and guidelines. This pandemic won't truly end until we all work together to actually end it. By lifting the mask mandate, Texas and Mississippi are slowing down the process of ending this horrible pandemic.

Dr. Anthony Fauci also addressed this lifting of the mask mandate as "ill-advised." The nation's top infectious-disease expert is advising against this policy change, yet governors still dismiss his and many other expert opinions. For instance, Abbott released on Twitter that his state would be operating at 100 percent normalcy. Abbott backs up his claims with his belief that Texans have mastered the art of avoiding the pandemic, absurdly putting Texans and the whole country at risk of his ignorance. Texans and Mississippians living in these less cautious environments can drive or even fly to other parts of the country, exposing states who still have a mask mandate.

The Texas and Mississippi governors saw their decline in cases and their struggling businesses as the reason for lifting the mask mandate. Cases rise and fall,

but a decline does not mean that low cases will stay that way. We have seen alarming spikes happen within just a few days, and it can happen again. Additionally, governors from other states are being influenced by Abbott and Reeves' ways by considering lifting the mask mandate as well. If just two states lift the mask mandate, then two more will follow their lead, and it could turn into an unsafe and deadly cycle. The majority of states still require masks and operate under guidelines; however, it is better to acknowledge the mistake these few states are making before it gets out of hand.

Returning to normalcy is everyone's goal. The end is in sight, but still remains far away. COVID-19 remains a threat to the country and everyone needs to continue to be held accountable. Even after a person is vaccinated, they should still take some precautionary measures, because there isn't enough data to show that it can fully protect you from all variants of COVID-19 or if you are still able to spread it to others. While the vaccine does provide some hope, it is essential to continue to wear a mask and take precautions because this will not go away overnight and we will only reach normalcy with everyone's efforts.

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## BUCKNELL FARM: GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY

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Nestled beside the senior apartments and behind the football stadium is a small farm that grows rich food for University students and Lewisburg residents. The farm lives on the top of a hill and holds one of the most beautiful views on campus. The sprawling mountains and foliage enclose one side of the garden while the University campus stands on the other side.

The farm provides the setting for many sports teams, clubs and organizations to strengthen their team dynamic. For instance, Both men's and women's tennis experienced the hard

work that farming takes last fall. Women's tennis uprooted, cleaned and washed hundreds of potatoes. Daniela Bellini '22 enjoyed participating in farm work with her team. Bellini "helped with various tasks, such as pulling the potatoes out of the ground and washing produce." The team bonded over the delegated tasks and worked together to ready freshly grown potatoes for the larger University community. Hard work, communication and brute strength were all necessary skills for this project.

Men's tennis spent hours clearing weeds and rolling them away. "The experience was truly interesting at least for me, because

unlike the rest of the team, this had been my first time volunteering at the farm and tending to these natural areas," Tim Zelikovsky '24 said. Similar to Bellini, Zelikovsky gained more skills and knowledge from his time at the farm. "We learned about the invasive species of weeds that ravaged certain areas at the Bucknell farm and why it was important to remove them. We also learned that the majority of the food donated to the community comes from the Bucknell farm, which is why it's so important to look after it and tend to the farm's wonderful natural resources," he said.

Bellini also visited the farm in a more academic

setting with her Biology 208 class. "My ecology lab section went to the farm to collect goldenrod galls while also being told to look around and take notes of anything interesting we saw for a post lab write-up," Bellini shared. She commented that during her time at the farm, she "learned that the food at the farm goes to the Bucknell pantry and that they are using regenerative farming techniques to try and make the surrounding environment better off than before rather than harming it."

## THE VISIONARIES OF THE FARM

Jen Partica, Director of the Bucknell Farm, began working on the farm during its creation in 2018. "I love working in a community with students to plant and grow trees and crops. It is a beautiful space, and it is wonderful to see so many people visit the Farm just to get outside," Partica said.

Partica says that the farm is open to everyone and encourages all to come. "The farm is part of campus, and is always open to anyone to visit. If you want to lend a hand, we will soon be starting our regular farm hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays,"

shared Partica.

The farm does not only require hard work and labor, as there are many relaxing activities available as well. "Students can walk the labyrinth, hang out on log seats near the pine trees, use the picnic tables by the shed for homework or small group study, take a walk, birdwatch, watch the sunrise or sunset, have a picnic. If you want to reserve the farm or the firepit for an event, students can do that through the Events Management room reservation website," Partica said.

As experienced by Bellini and Zelikovsky, the farm

teaches students many lessons about nature, hard work and sustainability. Partica recognizes that "there is so much you can learn at the farm. I think students will learn the most by joining Farm Hours. We teach sustainable agriculture. Students learn about the ecosystem, food and social justice and how farming impacts climate change. We also build community and students have fun getting to know each other and spend time together outside."

The farm is not by any means complete. The more students help out, the faster it grows and the more it helps

the University community. When asked how she hopes the farm will continue to grow, Partica answered, "We have done a lot in the past three years, but I still see so much more we can do with the farm! I would like to see the orchard develop and the food forest too. I think we'll do a lot with the orchard this spring and the food forest in the fall."

## B-EATS: PANTRY FOR ALL

Students can also try and obtain the produce first hand by visiting the B-Eats Food Pantry. Most of the food from the Farm, like a portion of the potatoes Women's Tennis picked, are brought directly to

the B-Eats Food Pantry where students can share in the rich produce. The B-Eats Food Pantry is run by the Dean of Students Office and open to students "in need of a nutritious meal" (bucknell.edu).

The pantry is located in Room 211 in the Elaine Langone Center (ELC) and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For those of you who haven't already gotten the

chance to, now is the perfect time to spend a few hours at the Bucknell Farm and take a browse at the B-Eats Pantry with the warmer spring weather coming!





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PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNY WATERS  
Students attend vigil, in person and on Zoom, mourning the lives lost in Atlanta

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#### SPECIAL FEATURE

SPRINGING INTO NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

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Monday night, Bucknellians from all walks of life joined together on the Science Quad to stand in solidarity with the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIIDA) community. This event followed a mass shooting in Atlanta that targeted massage parlors, taking 8 lives, six of whom were Asian women. The audience was about 250,

including both community members in person and on Zoom. Organized by Ruby Lee '21 and Jasmine Minhas '22, the vigil was designed to help the University community mourn these losses of life.

Meenakshi Ponnuswami, the faculty advisor for South Asian Student Association, spoke at the event. She was followed by Lee, remarking, "maybe we will never know what was in [the perpetrator's] heart, but we

do know that he took the lives of Asian women." She continued, "People say they don't understand this sort of bias, discrimination, and violence, 'but I do.'"

"We've been speaking, but have you been listening?" Lee said of increasing and recent anti-Asian violence.

This is not the first time students have shown solidarity with the victims of national and international tragedies. In recent memory, the community stood vigil with

victims after the 2018 Tree of Life synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh and the 2019 Christchurch mosque shootings. During the latter vigil, the University was reminded that such acts of violence and hatred are unacceptable and "not normal."

The Washington Post reports in their online database, "The terrible numbers that grow with each mass shooting," that nearly 150 Americans have died in mass shooting events since

the Tree of Life. In the wake of the Atlanta shooting, satire publication The Onion ran the recurring headline "No Way To Prevent This," Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens" for the 16th time.

Shin Won Cho '21, president of the Korean Cultural Association, shared that "the deaths of six Asian-American women should not go unnoticed or unanswered," and that these events should

## Fall 2021 course registration

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As the Spring semester winds down, students are getting ready to make their class schedule for Fall 2021. Students can already look at the courses that will be offered by going to the University course information page. Moreover, the University has announced that academic advising will begin on Monday, April 5 and registration will start on Monday, April 12. The registrar's office advises that students research major requirements and core curriculum requirements when they plan their schedule. Additionally, they can meet their academic advisors to review their progress report and determine what classes they must take.

The new version of BannerWeb offers a convenient feature for students juggling

complicated schedules. BannerWeb now allows users to see their courses of interest in calendar view. Thus, the program can create multiple schedule layouts to help students decide what classes and times are ideal. Puja Velani '24, a student who balances labs, lectures and recitations said, "I think it will be a lot easier to choose classes because of the new schedule feature."

"You can build up to five tentative schedules ahead of registration," Associate Registrar Melissa Weber said. The new version of BannerWeb will allow students to load their whole schedule at once when they are registering for classes, allowing students to seamlessly register for classes, "rather than having to enter all the CRNs again individually." Students hope, these

## University announces plan for in person 2021 commencement

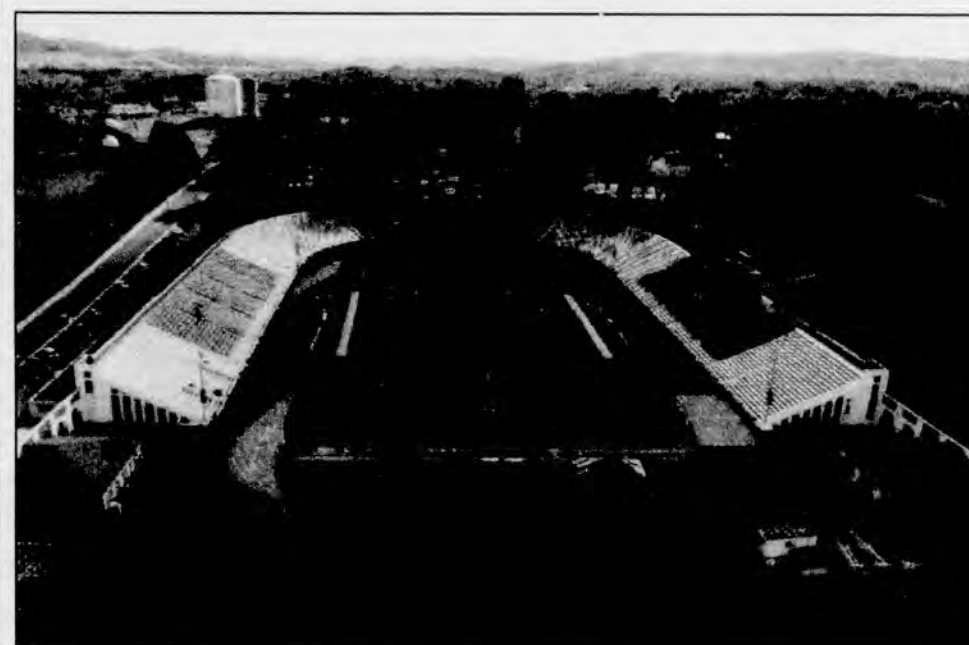


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The University's 171st commencement will be held in Christy Mtn. Memorial stadium on Sunday, May 23

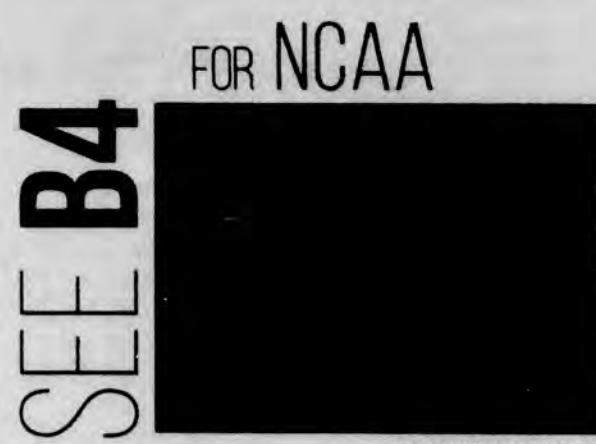
Kaitlin Bonacci  
Editor-In-Chief

Plans for the University's 171st commencement were announced by University President John Bravman on Wednesday, March 24. "I am pleased to announce that Bucknell will host an in-person Commencement, with several accommodations to help promote health and safety as the pandemic continues," Bravman said in his email to parents and students. The ceremony will be split into three ceremonies held throughout the day on Sunday, May 23 in Christy-

Mathewson Memorial stadium. The stadium offers more space for physical distancing than the traditional setting on Malesardi Quadrangle since each student is allowed to register two guests to attend their ceremony who will sit together.

Seniors are excited by the current commencement plans. "I am looking forward to celebrating my graduation with my friends and family. When the pandemic started I was not sure if we would get this opportunity, so I am very excited that the University is able to make it happen," Gabby Lugli '21 said.

Each senior must register their guests by the April 15 deadline before the University can allow students to request additional tickets, if available and in accordance with state and CDC guidelines. Ceremonies will be held throughout the day at 8:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. "I was really excited to find out graduation is in person this year even though there are some covid restrictions in place. It's a little upsetting that my siblings won't be able to attend, but having my parents there is better than nothing. I am



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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Jaxon White  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

The container ship that blocked the Suez Canal has finally been freed this week. The incident blocked nearly \$9.6 billion worth of goods being hauled by roughly 300 cargo ships each day. Many experts say that this accident has proven the fragility of the global shipping industries and hope that this experience will serve as a lesson for the future.

Authorities in the Galapagos Islands confiscated a suitcase filled with 185 baby tortoises wrapped in plastic. The species of tortoise are only found in the Galapagos Island, with the World Wildlife Fund listing them as vulnerable. The Galapagos Conservancy approximates that only 20,000-25,000 wild tortoises can be found on the island now.

## DOMESTIC

Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin begins his trial this week for the accused murder of George Floyd. He faces charges of second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for the infamous incident that took place this past summer. A bystander filmed the encounter, revealing that Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for approximately nine minutes as Floyd called out "I can't breathe." One of the highest-profile cases of the decade, this trial has captivated the attention of the American citizenry like none in recent history.

U.S. President Joe Biden calls for state leaders and other public officials to hold off on easing mask mandates in their respective regions. This request comes after fear of a possible fourth wave of COVID-19 has begun to sweep the United States.

## FALL 2021 COURSES

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new features will take some of the stress out of the course selection process. Tom McKillop '23 commented "I know in the past it is sometimes a race to get all of them in before the classes fill up, so if it helps that I would say it is a useful tool."

As for remote and in-person learning, the conditions of classes will depend on the progress of the pandemic.

While the administration is hopeful that students and faculty will be able to attend classes in person, University administration will have to respond to the COVID-19 situation at the time. As a precautionary measure, the university will maintain the 30-minute gap of time in between classes. This will allow for airflow and less congestion in hallways.

## VIGIL CEREMONY

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be a "wake up call to what we all experience." She further stated that the next steps to addressing this tragedy are changing not only individuals, but institutions to better combat acts of hatred.

Stuart Young, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Director of The China Institute, emphasized that "anti-Asian violence is not new in our community", and "racism is the result of ignorance, the result of dehumanizing people."

Professor Nikki Young,

Associate Provost for Equity and Inclusive Excellence, closed the vigil with her remarks. She emphasized, "may the names we speak and the words from our mouths be a message that anti-Asian racism and misogyny are unacceptable."

Correction (3/31/21):

This article was corrected from its original version to correctly quote the speakers and use more inclusive terminology.

## COMMENCEMENT

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just happy to be able to celebrate with my family and friends on campus" commented Isobel Lloyd '21.

Commencement speaker Audra Wilson '94, president and chief executive officer of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, address will be included in each ceremony, along with the student commencement speaker

and national anthem soloist.

Bravman made sure to include that while this is the current plan, and what the University hopes will happen, it "is contingent on several factors, including both local and state guidelines and the continued mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 within the Bucknell community."

## Dance Marathon reaches the University

Ellie Lowe  
Staff Writer

This year, a new organization, Dance Marathon, is aiming to host a 24-hour dance marathon to raise money for children's hospitals in the near future.

Dance Marathon is a student-led organization that supports the Geisinger Janet Weiss Children's Hospital. Miracle Network Dance Marathon has raised more than \$300 million collectively for over 170 local children's hospitals while providing 32 million treatments to children each year, since 1991.

Due to COVID-19, a large event could not be held on campus, but that hasn't stopped the Dance Marathon organization

from holding smaller fundraisers. Their most recent fundraiser encouraged students to create a sweet 16 March Madness bracket and make a \$5 donation to the Dance Marathon Organization for a chance to win a \$50 All Star or Bull Run gift card. The person with the closest bracket will receive a gift card to a local restaurant.

"I choose to be part of Dance Marathon because I see it as a way to stage crazy events, hype people up and raise money for Children's Miracle Network which are all important causes!" Miles Book '23, a member of Dance Marathon and assistant organizer of the March Madness Bracket Fundraiser, said.

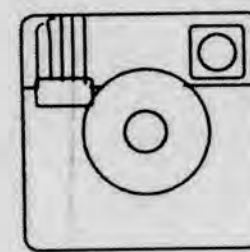
One of the upcoming fundraisers is a Dance

Marathon Spirit Week which will be held from April 11-17. Each day of the week is designated to be one of the following themes: Monday Munchies, Team Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, Teacher Thursday and Miracle Family Friday, with the big fundraising reveal on Saturday. Those who donate will be able to participate in the many activities, including the ability to be a professor, or the ice bucket challenge. There will also be the opportunity to hear from local children who will be benefiting from the donations.

"We're planning creative ways to get students excited about fundraising for our local children's hospital. We want to bring this program to

Bucknell to tap into the passion and spirit of this community and raise awareness for children's health. In future years, we hope to expand our yearly program to involve more student groups on campus as well as host a traditional large event to celebrate all of the fundraising efforts from throughout the year. Anyone is encouraged to get involved or reach out with any questions!" April Hurlock '23 said.

To get involved individuals can sign up on Donor Drive. Here participants can see how much they have raised and how much Dance Marathon at the University has raised collectively. Follow this link to get involved: <https://events.dancemarathon.com/index>.

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## GSA celebrates pride

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Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) hosted their annual Pride Week from Monday, March 21 to Saturday, March 27.

"The purpose of pride week is to give Bucknellians a time to celebrate together since we aren't at school during Pride month. It also encourages students to feel comfortable with who they are and lets GSA be available to more people," Talia Housman '21, the secretary of GSA, said.

Each executive member of GSA was tasked with organizing an event each day that celebrated the gay and queer community on campus. Monday's event was a discussion about "Ace" by Angela Chen, which explores the growing role of

asexuality in the cultural landscape. On Tuesday, Assistant Professor of Computer Science Alex Kelly led a talk on being queer and non-binary in their field of academia. The film "Booksmart" was screened in Trout Auditorium on Wednesday. A Tie-Dye Art event was hosted in collaboration with Seventh Street Studio & Maker Space on Friday. The week ended with a Drag Brunch outside MacDonald Commons, which featured student performers dressed in drag.

GSA altered much of their activities to adhere to COVID-19 protocols. "The events looked different than they normally did with our talks on zoom and movie nights socially distanced. Art night was outside so that more people could come and socially distance and we did a Drag Brunch that allowed

people to be outside and could spread out instead of Drag Ball which is usually held in Uptown," Housman said.

Emma James '22 echoed Housman's sentiments. "This year was a little different, but it still allowed us to feel the sense of community that Pride Week always offers. I was really glad that we were able to still do it, even if it did look slightly different than the traditional Drag Ball to be COVID-safe. It's nice to just let loose and have some fun together."

Housman encourages all students who identify as gay or queer to attend GSA meetings. "While we do have a set aside week, GSA is constantly hosting meetings and events throughout the school year and they are always open to anyone who would like to come," Housman said.

## First Year Friday: A freshman favorite

Ally Lima  
Contributing Writer

On March 26, the Campus Activities and Programs (CAP) Center hosted their "First Year Friday: Chipotle & Campfires" event. This event took place at 6 p.m. outside of Uptown, offering s'mores and Chipotle burritos to the first 25 people who attended. The CAP Center hosts these first year student

exclusive events on the last Friday of each month, typically offering free food to participants, as a way for new Bucknellians to meet while getting to know one another in a safe environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We started hosting First Year Fridays at Uptown as an opportunity for first year students to connect with one another during this very different academic year.

Our attendance has been great," Assistant Director of Campus Activities and Programs Molly Burkholder said.

Along with the First Year Fridays, the CAP Center has been hosting events weekly throughout the semester in order to give the student body as many opportunities as possible to get out and interact with others while still following COVID-19 guidelines and safety precautions.

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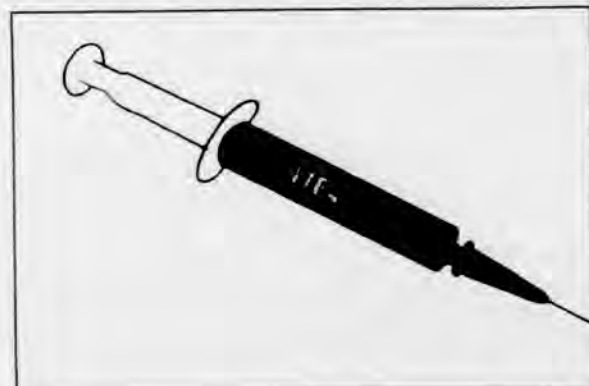
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## Shocking truth about COVID-19 vaccination that the government won't tell you!



Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

U.S. President Joe Biden recently announced an ambitious plan to open up vaccinations to all American adults by May 1, but there are a few things you should know before making that appointment. Reporters with the Bucknellian have uncovered some shocking side effects from the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines that the Mainstream Media is failing to expose.

Pam Demic, a 21-year-old University student and self-proclaimed Sig Chi Sweetheart, received her first dose of the Moderna vaccination last week. "When people said one of the side effects was getting hot, I thought they meant a fever," Demic explained through dainty tears. "But I'm, like, irresistible now — I mean, even more than before, if you can believe it. But I never would have gotten the vaccine if I had known this would happen. Guys won't stop Snapchatting me, and my roster is already too complicated to handle." She worries the side effects will only become more extreme upon the second dose and is preparing herself to move to New York to pursue a modeling career when she is inevitably offered a contract.

The Bucknellian sends our condolences to both Demic and the men on her roster. This must be a tough time for all involved, but could have easily

been avoided if Tony Fauci had any verity in him.

Another student, Cory Ona, class president and member of the Sigma Chi fraternity (also claiming to have never met Demic in his life), had a tragic experience after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Ona took us through the events following the shot. "I woke up the next morning, and something just felt... off. It was subtle at first, like showing up to my class on time. Then, before I knew it, it manifested itself into more drastic actions — doing yoga, getting sober, being nice to people, getting great grades." Ona, horrified by the implications of his experience, explained "I've become a social outcast. I'm now just better than everyone else around me. I wish I could go back to just being a normal, laidback, mediocre guy, but this vaccine has completely changed me."

In lieu of concern for him, Ona is asking people to raise awareness for others who really need it. His selfishness is nothing close to the horrors of Demic's heightened attractiveness.

These interviews are shocking to say the least, but our reporters are dedicated to the truth. We are now filing a lawsuit against Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, and the CDC demanding the tell people the truth: don't get the vaccine unless you want to be a better, hotter version of yourself.

## Four easy tips and tricks for finishing the semester strong

Max Bean  
Staff Writer

With the end of the semester coming up soon, we here at the *Bucknellian* thought it would be pretty radical to give you some easy tips and tricks to survive make it through the end of the semester.

**Ditch your Friends!**  
Class is hard. We know that it is. Still, if you want to make it through this whole college experience, you need good grades! Hence, leave your friends and family behind and just focus on your academics. You don't need a social life... who do you think you are? We're all stumbling around in the dark anyway when it comes to assignments, so there is nothing to worry about except those tiny letters on your report card that you need to get from one year to the next. There may be pain, but there's no worse agony than failing your classes.

**Sleep Less!**  
Classwork requires a lot of time, and we mean a lot. Sleep takes up about eight hours (if you are lucky) — time which you could otherwise spend doing work. After having a good time with your friends during normal daytime hours, organization and block scheduling are the last thing you need! Just start whenever your sleep window typically opens. Forget breaks! That gets in the way of valuable time you could spend sitting down at the computer typing words down! C'mon, man. You don't need sleep. Sleep is for the weak. You know those people you don't like? Have you ever known any singular person you disagree with? Yeah, they sleep. That's because they're lame. Don't be like them.

**Reject Corporeal Existence and Ascend.**

Now look, we never said you had to pass this semester, but rather this is a chance to open your third eye. Take a rest and

even catch up on the much needed downtime in a meditative state and think about the "One True Animal King," also known as the Manatee. This was what I did during my "The Barbie Doll: A lesson in Misogyny" lecture series the other day. Personally, I sponsor a manatee named Daisy, the most glorious sea cow in all of the Floridian waters. If you are generous enough, it will grant you a leather wallet out of gratitude and you will ascend to a higher plane of existence. Thus, you will become one with the Manatees. Your Religious Studies Professor will be so impressed at your connection with nature that you will pass with flying colors! That is, if you had the foresight to take a religious studies course this semester.

**Use Classic Methods of Knowledge Osmosis.**

This strategy is all about the absorption of knowledge. It's simple. You know that big textbook you probably paid a hundred bucks for? Well, grab a pool, fill it up, then tear out each page of that sucker and toss it in. Then, step in and relax as the knowledge flows into your mind like water through a filter of brainpower. Another tactic is using subliminal messaging to your advantage. Like many weirdos listening to podcasts, you want something to speak to you while you sleep. What you should listen to, however, are class recordings. Boom! Now you can fall asleep even easier, because it's just like what you do during class anyway. If that doesn't work, just eat the paper. It's the most straightforward way of knowledge osmosis known to man.

So there it is. Follow these steps and nail your classes, all without going to a single lecture. Now if you'll excuse me, I need to soak in some hydrology and do my Manatee chants. Toodeloo!

## You've probably never heard of them

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

As we make our way through the semester and brave the storms that are midterms, stacks of homework and papers everyone can't seem to get away from, it's important to note that we are more than halfway through the semester!

And at least you aren't THAT guy.

Some people take it upon themselves to make it sound as though they have an extremely unique music taste and really know what they're talking about. Being knowledgeable about music is a good topic of conversation in passing, at small gatherings, dinner parties and other relatively short discussions.

But some people tell you about their music taste and act as though they're the most well-versed, most well-read and musically conscious person when really the most unique artist featured on their Spotify Wrapped was Tame Impala. Don't get me wrong, I love Tame Impala, too, but at least I would never say to someone, "You probably haven't heard of him, he's super obscure."

This semester, that poor guy decided to take a music class because of his (self-renowned) "unique, electric and groovy" music taste. His favorite song is "The Less I Know the Better," and he also really enjoys listen-

ing to Post Malone. But not rap Posty, just the edgy slow stuff. Important distinction.

He decided to take a music history course and quickly felt intimidated by the amount of musicians in the class rather than business majors. He knew he was in for a ride when his first assignment involved listening to and writing about Gregorian chants, which originated in the early ninth and 10th centuries. I would say this is a little more obscure than Tame Impala.

"I really thought my Spotify Wrapped had set me up for success. Nobody ever objected to me talking about my music taste, so I totally thought nobody knew who I was talking about. The work has been really difficult, I'm not gonna lie. This class was totally not what I was expecting."

He later disclosed that he had, in fact, listened to some Cage the Elephant and Arctic Monkeys in order to increase the obscurity of his Spotify Discover Weekly. He said throughout this class, he's learned so much more about music and he can now truly appreciate his pop favorites and shared that his new sea shanty playlist has grown.

"At least we have music of all kinds now instead of just Gregorian chants and stuff like Beethoven. I respect them, but they just don't do it for me. The vibe isn't quite right."

## Overapologetic bros hold up lines across campus

Elyssa Penson  
Staff Writer

Over the past week, self-proclaimed "bros" Brody and Cody have been caught in a continuous apology loop and have been holding up lines all across campus. Coffee sales at the library have slowed to a halt, letters have piled up in the mailroom and, worst of all, classes remain unaffected. Although we could not have possibly recorded the conversation in its entirety, we were able to obtain a transcript of an isolated incident.

The transcript:  
Brody: "Dude, I'm sorry."

Cody: "No need to apologize."

Brody: "Well, I feel like I should at least send a card with some thoughtful remarks."

Cody: "Dude, last week you filled my mailbox with Hallmark cards and dropped off a bag of handwritten letters, and when I said we were good, you sent me a list of heartfelt compliments."

Brody: "Softy, I knew that was too much. I just thought the personalized M&Ms weren't enough."

Cody: "No, bro, I'm sorry if I made you feel like they weren't enough."

I just need you to chill. If anything, this fight will strengthen our friendship."

Jody, Seventh Street Cafe employee: "Are you guys going to order something?"

Brody: "Bro, I can't believe I forgot our 2 and 1/4 year 'friend-iversary.' How often can you say you've been friends for 638 and 1/4 of a day?"

Cody: "Like never, bro. That's why I ordered 638 and 1/4 turtle doves to fly off into the sunset."

Brody: "How did you get 1/4 of a dove?"

Cody: "He's 1/4 parakeet on his mom's side."

Brody: "Hey, did I tell you my dog just died?"

Cody: "I'm sorry, bro, how old was he?"

Brody: "97."

Cody: "That sucks, bro. In dog years?"

Brody: "No."

Cody: "Huh, well you never expect it."

Brody: "No, you never do."

Cody: "I'm sorry for your loss."

Brody: "I'm sorry for forgetting our 'friend-iversary.'"

Jody: "Can you two leave?"

Brody: "Well, she was mean."

Cody: "Dude, she just doesn't get our friendship."

## Downtown house takes in baby



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Sarah Petnuch  
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We have all heard some version of this story: an abandoned baby is left on a doorstep, so the owner of the house takes it in and ends up providing the child with a beautiful life. It's classic. It's heartwarming. An event quite similar has recently occurred but with slightly different circumstances; the baby was left at an off-campus downtown house.

If you have ever been to a downtown house, you know quite well that it is not the best environment for raising a child. The floors are covered entirely in unidentified sludge and empty plastic cups, the countertops are sticky, the windows are broken and covered by pieces of cardboard from used pizza boxes and the bathroom des-

perately needs a visit from a plumber. There are choking hazards everywhere. You couldn't pay me a million dollars to let my future child crawl on such a floor. I even feel a little nauseous going in there myself.

The brothers living in the house, however, took it upon themselves to create a safer space for the baby. The house was spotless, and so sterile that it could give an operating room a run for its money. With the help of multiple phone calls to parents, as well as "Your Baby's First Year for Dummies," the brothers actually did a shockingly good job caring for the baby, whom they decided to name Brad (no surprises there). The brothers learned how to fold a proper swaddle and bought a crib filled with baby toys. Some of the empty beer cans from the night

prior also functioned as toys from time to time, but it'll give the kid character.

The refrigerator was stocked with both White Claws and formula, and the pantry with spray cheese and diapers. They even made a schedule taking turns changing Brad's diaper and waking up in the middle of the night — or stepping anyway from their late hour activities — to feed him. The whole thing was quite an impressive feat. No one had expected a bunch of fraternity brothers to become such great fathers. They were no longer just brothers — they had built a family.

The brothers even threw Brad a baby shower-themed super, which captured the attention of every girl downtown that day. What a bonus! Everyone knows girls love guys with babies, and

it rung true that fine Super Saturday. The other fraternities even ended up closing their supers early just to see what all the excitement was about.

Eventually, they found a loving couple who was willing to adopt the baby. As saddened as they were to see baby Brad go, they realized how well the experience had prepared them to be dads one day. Plus, it was getting a little difficult to tend to a female companion while there was a crying baby in the background, so it was probably for the best. It was crazy how quickly their maturity had skyrocketed. There are many quotes about how "boys will be boys until [fill in the blank]." But these past few weeks added a new quote to that list: boys will be boys until they have to care for a baby.



## Coming Together for Mental Health: A New Service & Community

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The University's Counseling & Student Development Center (CSDC), the Division of Student Affairs and Bucknell Student Government (BSG) are excited to collaborate with Togetherall, a clinically moderated, online peer-to-peer mental health community that empowers students to anonymously seek and provide support.



### What is Togetherall?

Togetherall is an online service designed to help individuals with anxiety, depression and other common mental health issues. It strives to reduce the mental health stigma by encouraging individuals to seek help and draw strength from others with similar lived experiences through building a healthy social network and a judgment-free community for users. The company was founded in the United Kingdom in 2007 with operations now in North

America and New Zealand.

The combination of pandemic, academic and social stress experienced by students prompted the University to make Togetherall available to their students. The company reported that within the past year, engagement increased by 104 percent.

Togetherall identifies "normalization" as an important starting point for students struggling with anxiety and combating isolation.

They encourage individuals to find someone who has or had similar experiences and/or feelings. Togetherall also acknowledges that individuals who are surrounded by family and friends may still be combating feelings of isolation; they recognize that all feelings and circumstances are legitimate.

A significant amount of research has gone into determining the effectiveness of peer-supported self-management. Research has revealed

that discussion forums and collaborative social media platforms are promising resources in helping individuals to cope with their mental health. These studies can be found on Togetherall's website.

The company also aims to advance inclusion and diversity by providing accessible and equitable support for all students. Togetherall reports that forty percent of the platform's user base identify as BIPOC.



### Who has access to Togetherall?

Togetherall is free to students and can be accessed 24/7, which is very useful given the current pandemic circumstances. Students can access the program through the Togetherall website using a valid student email with no formal referral needed. The business is currently supporting more than 250 organizations,

including 150 institutions, and 2 million students are eligible to access Togetherall.

According to Kelly Shaw, a psychologist at the University, the program is only accessible to students. Faculty and staff are encouraged to share this resource with their students and spread the word.

### What does Togetherall offer?

Shaw agrees that the program is not a substitute for counseling, but it can be a useful resource for students to receive ongoing support between sessions or to help students apply what they have discussed in counseling. It is also a good resource for students who have not yet attended counseling and are searching for a place to perhaps open up for the first time.

Togetherall does not provide 1:1 counseling,

nor is it intended to be a crisis service. There are other more equipped resources for someone who is in distress and it is not meant to replace any protocol that someone already has in place. "We take a population approach to mental health. Togetherall is for those who have less of a need for intervention; it is meant to help de-escalate issues before they snowball," Victoria Senvard, the North American partnerships manager at Togetherall, said.



### How does Togetherall work?

Students have access to a general chat forum where they can filter the content that they view by selecting different categories of posts or based on the type of post. There are three different types of posts: a "talkabout" which is a written post, a "brick" which is a visual post, and a "group talkabout," which is slightly more private than the talkabout. Users can follow threads by starring them and they will receive notifications

when a new post or comment has been added to that thread. Self-help module-based courses—such as "coping with grief and loss" or "managing anger"—are also available to students. Additional resources such as self-assessments, self-guided courses and creative tools can also be utilized to help members express and track how they are feeling.

The website is moderated by registered mental

health practitioners known as "Wall Guides" who ensure individuals are kept safe and feel supported. The Wall Guides help to keep the community vibrant, encourage engagement, and promote self-care and inclusivity. The system recognizes trigger words and flags posts to be reviewed; the Wall Guides, following a protocol, will work with the individual and will potentially involve professional help if needed. If a user is showing

signs of clinical risk, the user is connected to the crisis line "ProtoCall" which acts as a safety net. However, Senvard reports that the number of times a post has reached this level of escalation is relatively low. Other members can also play an extra role in keeping the community safe—if they come across something offensive or if someone appears to be in need of help, they can flag the post to be reviewed by a Wall Guide.

*Note: Togetherall is not yet ready for student use, but students should be on the lookout for notifications regarding when it is live soon.*



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## BISON FOOTBALL DOMINATES LEOPARDS IN SPRING OPENER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

@ LEHIGH ON APR 3

ALL DAY

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

@ NAVY SPRING INVITATIONAL ON APR 3

ALL DAY

#### BASEBALL

@ HOLY CROSS ON APR 3

AT 12PM AND 3PM

#### MEN'S LACROSSE

V. COLGATE ON APR 3

AT 12PM

Nick Spurduto  
Contributing Writer

After giving up a 61-yard touchdown pass on the third play of the game, the Bison football team looked like they could be in for a long afternoon. The opposite ended up being the case, with defense putting on the clamps and the offense taking a ride on the "Sanders Express" en route to a 38-13 victory for the Orange and Blue.

Brandon Sanders '22 was downright dominant for the Bison. The 2019 All-Patriot League first team wide receiver picked up right where he left off in the Fall 2019 season, recording 179 yards and two touchdowns on 12 receptions. Sanders became the sixth player in

school history to surpass 170 receiving yards in a single game, and was named Patriot League Offensive Player of the week in recognition of his performance.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted many aspects of our daily college lives, but its impacts have been especially acute for athletes. Before facing Lafayette, Sanders and the Bison had not taken the field since November 2019 (nearly 500 days).

"I did not necessarily focus on doing something more than the other, but I wanted to take the time to get better at everything. I wanted to make sure that my game was as polished as it could be whenever the next time was that we stepped on the field,"

Sanders said. His offseason efforts clearly paid off on Saturday.

"We have been waiting a really long time to just get to this point, so being able to enjoy each and every day of it is really important to me. We know that we have a really good chance to win [the Patriot League] this year. We are experienced and we have the talent [but] we need to make sure we stay focused on our goal," Sanders said.

Wide receiver Dominic Lyles '22 got things going for the offense, hauling in a beautiful corner fade for a 27-yard touchdown at the 8:30 mark in the first quarter to put the Bison ahead 7-0. After an otherwise quiet start, Sanders put his dazzling footwork on display, with

a highlight-reel toe tap catch on the sideline to set up a field goal just before the half, extending their lead to 10-0.

Behind the strong arms of Logan Bitkofer '21 (14-22, 183 yards) and Tarrin Earle '24 (11-13, 145 yards), the Bison opened the floodgates in the second half. As Sanders continued to shine, tight end Alex Twiford '22 scored his first collegiate touchdown, hauling in three passes for 52 yards. It was a game full of firsts, as linebacker Blake Leake '24 returned his first career interception for a touchdown, extending the lead to 38-0 and rounding out the scoring for the Bison, with just over six minutes left to play.

The defense was stout all game, dominating in the trenches and holding the Leopards to just 15 yards rushing. They continually set up the offense with prime field position, forcing five punts and four turnovers. Simeon Page '21, Brandon Benson '21 and Conner Romango '21 each picked off a pass. Six players had at least four tackles for the Bison.

The Bison looked strong in their long anticipated return to action. They will look to carry their momentum to Worcester, Mass. this Saturday, April 3, where they will face defending Patriot League Champions Holy Cross.

## The Bison Stampede Doesn't Stop For Leopards

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The Bison softball team's first Patriot League competition in almost 700 days started with a bang, as the Bison went 4-0 in their series with Lafayette. The Bison are now 7-4, first in the Patriot League, and stay undefeated at home (3-0). With the Orange and Blue's four most recent victories the Leopards stay winless at 0-8, keeping their position of rock bottom in the Patriot League.

Starting the series home at Becker Field, the Bison were quick to put runs on the board. The first game yielded six home runs and 10 runs total, fighting off the Leopards' sorry seven runs. A quick start for the Bison set the tone for the game as they knocked in two runs with the first at-bats. The second game was more of the same as the Bison brought in two more homeruns, winning 7-3. It was most certainly a long Saturday for the Leopards as the Bison cashed in on 8 home runs total with Nicole Rivari '22 (2), Taylor Wolfgang '22 (2), Zane Smith '24 (3), and Jazmyn

Stokes '21 (1) all shooting bombs over the fence. Solid pitching helped secure the victories for the Bison on Saturday as Olivia Marinelli '23 pitched the team's first complete game.

The second two games scheduled in Easton, Pa. were postponed due to rain, but the weather can't stop the Bison either. The Orange and Blue rolled the Leopards for two more games winning decisively. Monday started off with a 9-6 victory as the Bison were able to fight off two Leopard homeruns with solid fielding and gritty runs. The second game was barely a game at all as a 12-3 victory ended in six innings due to the run rule. Even though the Bison barely put up any homeruns, hits were strung together along with smart base running to cash in 12 easy runs.

It's easy to cheer for the Orange and Blue when they are rolling through Patriot League play like a hot knife through butter. Thirty-eight runs, in just four games is an unbeatable stride. If the Bison can keep this pace through the entirety of league play they will be getting fitted for rings in no time.

## Field Hockey Upsets Top-seeded American in a Last Second Thriller

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The Bison field hockey team acquired their first win this past weekend in an electric afternoon contest on Graham Field. The Bison tackled the reigning Patriot League champions, American University, 2-1 in double overtime. A strong defensive effort and their relentless effort handed the Bison a well-deserved win.

The Bison managed to hold off the offense of the American Eagles for almost 40 minutes of play. Unlike their prior meeting, the Bison were the ones who struck first blood. During the third quarter, midfielder Noor Kaur '23 ripped the ball into the circle. Her toss met the tip of forward Olivia Bush's '24 stick and subsequently the back of the goal. At the sound of the ball banging against the wooden back wall of the goal and the referee signaling for a score, the small but mighty University family section erupted with cheers.

"Well, really it was all thanks to Noor. It was a savvy play by her to just shoot the ball into the circle to try and make some offense when American was playing off. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time and tipped the ball in to make the goal count. But as far as our team's performance throughout the overtime and coming out on top, I couldn't be

more proud! Our seniors led us through and in the end were the reason we won," Bush said.

The American Eagles players spent a few moments protesting the goal, but the ref held firm. The Eagles spent the remainder of the game trying to get a goal of their own. They finally managed to tie the game with five minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Going into overtime, the Bison kept the intensity high as they forced American to scramble. The first portion was back and forth, with neither team taking control of the game. The second set of overtime seemed to be going in the same direction. As the fans geared up for what looked like a game that would end in a shootout, the Bison found a prime opportunity to score.

Defender Kaelyn Long '21 used some nifty stickwork to evade her defender and pass the ball across the front of the goal to midfielder Leah Fogelsanger '21, who put the ball into the back of the net to end the game.

As the buzzer sounded, the Bison began to celebrate and the rain began to pour over Graham Field. It was a spectacular win for the Bison over a formidable opponent that opens up a number of possibilities for possible post-season play if the Bison can continue their hot streak.

The field hockey team will face Colgate away this upcoming Sunday, April 4 in Hamilton, N.Y.

## Navy defeats Bison in Heartbreaking Fashion

Emily Doyle  
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The Bison men's soccer team played against the United States Naval Academy this past Saturday, March 27. Navy hosted the soccer game in Annapolis, MD. The Bison played with their hearts but sadly lost to the Naval Academy by a score of 1-0.

The Naval Academy scored the only goal of the game at the 32nd minute mark. Navy was able to convert on a penalty kick. Despite this setback, the Bison did not give up after Navy scored the goal. The Orange and Blue managed three shots on cage and eight corner kicks.

Some key players this game were Sebastian Paz '24, Colin Eifert '22 and Bennett Schwartz '23.

"I thought we were the better team overall and we just made a mistake that caused that goal but I feel like we moved the ball well and put ourselves in good positions to score. I believe we're excited to play this weekend we have a tough week of preparation but I think we're gonna be able to get the win," Paz said.

Paz and Eifert both took advantage of shooting on net whenever they could, however, Navy's goalkeeper was able to deflect the shots. Paz was able to gain a touch on the ball off a corner kick from Jameson Bailey '23. Eifert took a shot on target about 30 yards out from the goal, but was deflected by Navy's goalkeeper. Schwartz, the Bison's goalie, had a few amazing saves to keep the Bison in the match. Schwartz finished the game with three saves.

"We knew Navy was a tough opponent and we battled hard the whole game. Both teams had great chances and it was harsh to fall to a penalty kick. Going forward we'll be working even harder than before to get a result especially as the season is closing. This weekend and next weekend will determine playoff chances and we'll be fighting tooth and nail to get results," Schwartz said.

The Bison will continue Patriot League play this upcoming Saturday, April 3, hosting Colgate University. The Bison will continue to play home in Lewisburg on Fennitt Field at Holmes Stadium. Game time is set to start at 4 p.m.



# BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

## The Bigger Issue at Hand

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This week in college basketball, the elite eight and final four of the women's NCAA Championship will take place. Regardless of the outcome for every team in the tournament, it has been quite a journey to get to the field of 64. Unfamiliar circumstances and challenges have tested these teams in many more ways than simply their talent on the court. As the women arrived in San Antonio on March 20 to isolate themselves in their designated bubble, the season's unique circumstances collided with an old, pre-existing issue in women's basketball: lack of respect.

The power of social media and its impact was seen this March. Sedona Prince, a redshirt-sophomore forward from Liberty Hill, Texas, has a significant presence on TikTok with a verified account and over one million followers. She used her platform to highlight the disparities in facilities and amenities provided by the NCAA. Comparing the men's and women's facilities in their respective bubbles, the racks, weights, dumbbells, treadmills and other typical equipment found in a college weight room was no surprise in Indianapolis for the men. In San Antonio, the extent of the women's weight room included a single rack of dumbbells, with the highest weight of 30 lbs, and a stack of yoga mats. The two main pieces of equipment sat in a corner next to a table next to the ample convention center space that remained empty. The claims the NCAA made after the viral video of the dumbbells and yoga mats entailed a lack of room for more equipment and that they were actively working on getting more equipment to the women. Once millions saw people's videos, companies such as Dick's Sporting Goods, Orange Theory Fitness and Tonal reached out to immediately help the cause by donating equipment free of charge for the athletes. Thankfully, the rest of the world recognized the issue.

while the NCAA continued to make excuses for their lackluster effort.

Holly Rowe, a critically-acclaimed sideline reporter for a number of sports, sat down with Lynn Holzman, vice president of women's basketball for the NCAA. Holzman's continuous and repeated response to direct questions about the weight room, the food, the different testing and other amenities was "we fixed it." She fixed it, they fixed it, in response to a boatload of pressure put on by social media, athletes, companies and people in general who were genuinely confused as to how an NCAA Championship could fall so short in basic expectations. According to her and her boss Mark Emmert, "poor communication" led to the disparities everyone saw. Did the staff of the women's and men's March Madness crew not communicate effectively, or was there a blatant disregard for Title IX?

The NCAA is a non-profit organization founded in 1906. Its origins stemmed from the desire to protect young people from dangerous athletic practices at the time. The term student-athlete was formed to avoid paying the young people so they would not be considered actual laborers and so the NCAA could avoid paying worker's compensation. The term arose in the 1950s when a football player from Fort Lewis A&M died from a head injury he received while playing football. Since the college was not in the "football business," he did not receive worker's compensation. This organization has lived through many historical moments, including the enactment of Title IX in 1972, a law that protects people based on sex discrimination which states that "[n]o person in the United States shall, based on sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." For athletics, this means that there has to be an equal distribu-

tion of accommodations for men's and women's sports. Was this standard adhered to in 2021? No. Was this the year that revealed the persistent inequity for women's basketball? Yes.

In the world of legends, names that have impacted the sport of women's basketball come to mind. Nell Fortner, Tara VanDerveer, Dawn Staley, and Muffet McGraw are only a few of the many women who have made incredible contributions to the women's game. Even though McGraw is no longer in the coaching world, she is still an advocate and voice for the equality of women's basketball, standing alongside her former colleagues to condemn the unfair treatment facilitated by the NCAA.

These coaches each released statements about their tournament experience. VanDerveer has been the head coach at Stanford since 1985, with a total of 1,094 wins, making her the winningest coach in NCAA DI women's basketball, reaching the aforementioned milestone just this season. VanDerveer has finally surpassed the achievement of her legendary coach and friend, the late Pat Summitt. In VanDerveer's statement, she talked about feeling betrayed by the NCAA, noting that "this week is evidence of blatant sexism." Nell Fortner, the head coach of Georgia Tech, thanked the NCAA in her statement for using the most critical event in women's basketball to show the world how they feel about the sport, effectively as an "afterthought."

These two women specifically have seen what life looks like before and after the implementation of Title IX. They are among many others who know the experience of lack of opportunity and opened doors in women's athletics with certain drawbacks. Although it has been 49 years since U.S. President Richard Nixon passed Title IX, we are still struggling with the discriminatory practices it was meant to address.

## Men's Tennis Play a Double Header Against Temple Owls

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The Bison men's tennis team went head-to-head against Temple University twice this weekend, falling to them in Philadelphia on Saturday, as well as in Hershey on Sunday.

The Bison suffered a 7-0 loss in their first match-up against the Owls with Nick Mueller '23 playing on court 4 and Cooper Bradshaw '22 on court 3, coming the closest

est to winning their respective matches. Mueller fell 6-2, 7-6 (7-4), and Bradshaw fell 7-5, 6-3.

On Sunday, the men showed improvement, with Mueller managing to win his singles match 6-4, 6-2 on court 3. The final score for the team was 6-1.

"We put up a much better effort against Temple the second day, putting up better energy and really taking it to what will be the best opponent we face all season. We

can definitely take the positives from this for conference play next week, and although our record has taken a hit, we know what we can do from here on out," Mueller said.

The Bison travel to Hamilton, N.Y. on Saturday, April 3 to face Colgate University, their first conference opponent since March 2019. The Bison will also travel to Flushing, N.Y. on Sunday to face Fordham University. Both matches will take place at 2 p.m.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## CHLOE CHRISTAKOS '21 WOMEN'S SOCCER

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This past weekend, the Bison women's soccer team earned their first victory of the season. Center back Chloe Christakos '21 scored the Orange and Blue's first goal of the season, with a header off a corner-kick in the 41st minute. Christakos is not only a key offensive threat for the Bison, but also the centerpiece of a very strong back line thus far this season.

Christakos stepped into an important starting role at center back during her junior season with the Orange and Blue, after coming off the bench during her freshman and sophomore seasons. Christakos has played in 30 games in her career, has been a starter in 19 of them, and has totaled an impressive 2059 minutes on the field. She has netted four goals, two of those she tallied in important conference matchups.

Christakos was also named a Preseason All-Patriot League Defender at the beginning of this season for her stellar efforts in the back line. She is part of a group that has only allowed one goal in 400 minutes of play so far.

The Arizona native made a big decision to travel all the way across the country to attend school in Lewisburg four years ago,

but Christakos is beyond satisfied with her decision.

"Choosing to, compete at the Division I level at a school across the country from my family was a difficult decision, but my parents and siblings have supported me every step of the way. My amazing teammates also challenge me to be the best athlete I can be, and I am so grateful for a strong coaching staff who believes in me and has given me this opportunity," Christakos said.

Christakos is no stranger to success, as she describes winning a Patriot League title as one of her favorite memories as a part of the Bison women's soccer team.

"My absolute favorite memory competing at Bucknell was winning the Patriot League championship during the fall of my freshman year! The countless bus trips, hotel stays and team bonding activities both on and off the field are truly something I will never forget. I have made so many other amazing memories with my teammates throughout my four years at Bucknell and am so thankful to be a part of such a close knit group of strong women," Christakos said.

The chemical engineering major also excels in the classroom for the Bison, as she is a consistent member of the Patriot League Aca-

demic Honor Roll. Christakos plans to work as an engineer at Clark Construction in Washington, D.C. upon graduating.

Christakos is really thankful for having the opportunity to compete in the Patriot League for one final soccer season after the uncertainty of the fall.

"Although my senior season is definitely not what I had imagined, I am so thankful that Bucknell was able to make it possible! Even though the season is shortened to a few games, I am making the most of every second."

## CAREER STATS

30 GAMES PLAYED  
19 GAMES STARTED  
2059 MINUTES  
4 GOALS  
2 ASSISTS

## Bison Men's Golf Takes First Win of the Season at Rum Pointe

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In the lead after the first day of play, the Bison men's golf team geared up to face challenging weather conditions on Sunday, March 28. The round was set to start at 9 a.m., however, due to large amounts of fog, the shotgun start was pushed back to 11 a.m. Throughout the entire round, the team faced not only fog but winds from 15-20 mph gusting up to 30 mph at times. This didn't stop the Bison from rounding out their weekend at Rum Pointe and securing a first-place finish with a 12-over par 588, 3 shots over the second-place finisher Youngstown State.

Jackson Bussell '23

claimed his first collegiate win with a two-day total 1-under par 143, but this win didn't come without a battle. After shooting an even-par 72 to finish, Bussell quickly realized the battle wasn't quite over. Justin Burkhamer, Iona's 2-seed player, fired a 69 to force Bussell into a playoff. After they both parred the first and second hole, Bussell hit his second shot on the third playoff hole to 4-feet and made the birdie putt to win the tournament. "I didn't expect to win my first collegiate tournament this early in my career," Bussell said after the round.

Following Bussell were Jack Gardner '23 (70-77) and Blake Wisdom '23 (72-75), both with a 1-9 finish and a two-day total of 147. Chris Tanabe '21 had

a two-day total of 151 (74-77) and Josh Holtschlag '23 finished with a two-day total of 162 (80-82) total.

Jason Lohwater '22 and Dylan Ford '22 played as individuals. Lohwater had the low-round of day one, shooting a 69. Lohwater then shot an 80 the second round to finish with a two-day total of 149. Ford finished in with a two-day total of 155.

Bison will travel to Springfield, Pa. this upcoming weekend to compete at the Rolling Green Intercollegiate. Following this tournament is the Wildcat Invitational, hosted by Villanova at Radnor Valley Country Club. The Bison's last tournament before the Patriot League Championship which will be held May 1-2 at The United States Naval Academy Golf Club.



## Bison Women's Lacrosse Falls to Lehigh

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The Bison women's lacrosse team lost over the weekend on March 27 against the Mountain Hawks on Lehigh's home turf in Bethlehem, Pa. with a final score of 20-7. Saturday's defeat dropped the Bison's overall record to 1-3 with an inner conference record of 1-2. This extends Lehigh's win streak over the Bison women, as the Mountain Hawks haven't lost to the opposing Bison in over a decade.

Lehigh seemed to be in control on both the offensive and defensive sides in both halves, outperforming the Bison in total shots, caused turnovers and ground balls. Mountain Hawk Senior Cecily Redfern had a deep impact en route to Lehigh's victory, totaling a hat trick coupled with two assists to her teammates.

While the Bison trailed behind in most statistical categories, they outnumbered Lehigh in draw controls with a total of 16-13. Defender Ella Payer '23 contributed to the fight with five draw controls which helped the Bison generate an offensive flow. Senior midfielders Mason Rode and

Kali Peebles both put up eye raising state lines as well, as Rode recorded her first ever career hat trick while Peebles scored two goals in an attempt to revive the morale of the fighting Bison.

Additionally, freshman attacker Taylor Kopan added her first goal during the match for the Orange and Blue, a trend that she and her teammates look to continue this season and in years to come. "A huge highlight for the team this weekend was seeing Taylor Kopan score her first career goal! It sparked a ton of energy on the field and brought the team together to keep fighting as a unit. The Patriot League has been very up in the air this year which has created some exciting match-ups. We learned a lot this past weekend and I think the team is excited to get back to work and move forward," Rode said.

This weekend, American University travels to Lewisburg to face the Blue and Orange. "Being flexible on attack and cohesive on defense will be key for a win against American at home this next weekend," Payer said. This will be one of the five Patriot League matches remaining in the regular season for the Bison.

## Women's Soccer Earns First Win of Season

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The Bison women's soccer team brought home their first win of the spring season after defeating the American Eagles 1-0. Chloe Christakos '21 scored the lone goal with a header off a corner kick. Defensively, the Bison anchored another shutout, marking their best defensive start to a season in team history.

"Getting our first win of the season this past weekend felt amazing. We were finally able to find the back of the net. I can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store, for our team because this is the first of more wins to come," Christakos said.

The Orange and Blue now sit at 1-1-2 in the Patriot League after two recent ties against Lafayette and Lehigh. Christakos now holds four career goals. Lea Tarzy '24 added her first career assist as she sent the ball deep into the box to allow Christakos to head it in the back of the net right before halftime.

Offensively, the team was clicking on and off the ball as they generated 23 total shots. Jenna Marek '21 added a shot off the post, while Claire Mensi '22 was

robbed short of a breakaway in the second half. Mensi led the Bison with six total shot attempts. The team also finished with a 9-2 advantage in corner kicks against the Eagles.

On the defensive end, the Bison held American to only 13 shots. The team now holds a 0-23 team goals-against average on the season. For the lineup, Christakos, Tarzy, Holly Burns '23 and Alana Carlucci '23 stood strong as the defensive line, while Kaylee Donnelly '23 and Jenna Hall '24 split time in goal for the Orange and Blue. Petie Nassetta '23 contributed to the team's win by playing the full 90 minutes as the holding central midfielder.

"This win was huge for us. It was a true collective group win, and we were really proud of everyone's efforts on and off the field. The entire team has been working so hard these past few weeks, and I feel that we're really connecting as a team more and more each game," Mensi said.

Next up for the Bison is against the Naval Academy at Emmitt Field on Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. The game will also be live streamed via ESPN+.

## The Bison struggle to sink the Midshipman

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No. 18/16 Navy edged the Bison men's lacrosse team, 13-10, on Sunday afternoon at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The game was a nail-biter until midway through the third quarter, as neither team could build more than a one goal cushion. Up until Navy's game-deciding 5-0 run, which stretched from the third frame's 9:31 to 3:49 marks, the teams were tied six times and traded the lead twice. The 5-0 goal run gave the Midshipman an 11-6 lead on the Bison, the largest lead of the contest.

Alston Tarry '22 decided enough was enough, and scored a "herculean effort" goal by spinning his way out of a double team, diving out of the way of another charging defender and finding the back of the net. This goal created the spark the Bison needed to re-ignite their bench as well as their high powered offense. It was the first goal of a 4-1 Bison run that trimmed the deficit to 12-10 at the fourth quarter's 7:11 mark.

Brendan Lundy '22 scored three goals in the game, which was his second career hat trick. Tarry finished with one goal and two assists. Sumner Brumbaugh '21, Dutch Furlong '24 and Harry Wellford '23 also saw multi-point outings.

The Bison were solid in the faceoff X this weekend, winning 15 faceoffs, while Navy only won nine. Nick Crovatto '22 won nine of his 13 face-offs, while Conor McCusker '23 went six for 11. Danny Striano '23 collected a game-best eight ground balls while Tarry and Ben Clark '21 scooped up five apiece. Clark finished the game with 10 saves, and a .435 save percentage on the afternoon. All American

"Honorable Mention" Talarico '22 caused two turnovers and collected four ground balls.

Talarico spoke highly of their opponent, and commented, "The Naval Academy is arguably the toughest opponent that we as a team face. They were incredibly talented, and we often preached about matching their intensity and grit for the full 60 minutes. For almost the whole game, it was a one score contest, as we exchanged punches with one of the toughest teams in the country. Although the game didn't go our way, it showed that we as a team are finally starting to put the pieces together."

Overall, the Bison led in shots (47-35), shots on goal (27-23) and faceoffs (15-9). The Midshipman caused only three more turnovers than the Bison (15-18), proving how much of a battle this game was. The ranked Midshipman managed to edge the Bison by a very slim margin, proving the potential and strength of the Orange and Blue at this point in their season.

Looking ahead for the Bison, Talarico is confident in his team for the remaining Patriot League matchups this season, as he says, "The hardest part of our season is behind us, as we faced three Patriot League rivals, who were all nationally ranked. Having those games under our belt, as well as more practice time has put us in a good spot as we face Colgate this weekend. Any Patriot League game is going to be a dogfight, and we expect this game to be no different, but I am confident our best lacrosse is in front of us."

The Bison take on the Colgate Raiders this weekend on April 3 at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium for a noon game, and it will be streamed on ESPN+.

## Women's Rowing Prepared for Patriot League Season

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The Bison women's rowing team hosted West Virginia for a scrimmage on the Susquehanna River on Saturday, March 27. It was a productive pre-season competition for the Orange and Blue, as the Bison were able to face their first outside competitor this spring.

The scrimmage was 4x4 in the format of two sets of 2x4. The Bison battled in the first four-minute piece of each set, simulating the first 1,000 meters of a 2K race. Following, the second four-minute piece of each set simulated the final 1,000 meters of a 2K race. The race proved to be a great experience for the

Bison preparing for the Patriot League Championships in mid-May. This past Saturday gave the Orange and Blue preparation for their upcoming competition and a taste of the 2K racing coming up in their season.

"It was really fun to be able to get out there and finally show off the work we've been putting in by racing again. West Virginia is a great team that gave us some good competition. Definitely a great start to the season," Emily Downing '21 said.

Next up, the Bison will face Patriot League rivals at home in each of the next two weeks. The team will battle Lehigh on Saturday, April 3 and Colgate on April 10.

## Inconsistency Hurts Bison Baseball

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The Bison baseball team had an up and down weekend against the Navy Midshipmen. In three games against the Annapolis team, the Bison were only able to capture one win. On Saturday, the Bison split a double header before losing a single game on Sunday.

Unfortunately, the Navy Midshipmen were in control of the first game from the first at bat until the last.

The ace for the Midshipmen had a strong performance that left many Bison bats behind in the count during the game. The Midshipmen allowed just one run on four hits and 10 strikeouts in six innings of work.

In the first game, Will Greer '23 started on the mound for the Bison, who came in with a 2-0 record on the year. Greer tossed almost fifty pitches in the first inning as the Midshipman jumped out to a 3-0 lead that they were able to hold onto for the rest of the first outing. A bright spot was the work of bullpen pitcher Luke Allam '22, who was able to retire all six Navy batters that he faced. In the end, the Midshipmen were able to secure the first game of the day in a 7-1 win over the Bison.

However, the Bison found their groove in the second game of the double header. This was an important win for the Bison, as it was a complete performance on both sides of the plate. The second game was again marked by great pitching by the Bison along with even more impressive hitting. The bats turned around for the Bison in this one as they were able to get active with 11 hits in the second game of the Saturday double header. The offensive star of the game was freshman Anthony Sherwin who was able

to log two hits and five RBI's in three at bats. Along with Sherwin, senior Peter Marren was able to have an impressive day, logging two hits on four at bats with an RBI.

This game was also impressive for Orange and Blue on the mound, as Chris Difiore '23 only allowed a single earned run in six innings of work. Difiore was able to keep the Navy bats at bay as their offense stalled for most of the second game of the double header. In the end, the Bison were able to win the second game of the double header 11-1 in convincing fashion. This all around effort is what the Bison are looking for more often in their games.

"We had our highs and lows throughout the weekend, we are hoping to see more consistency in the games to follow. We were still able to pull out an impressive win over a tough Navy squad," pitcher Renn Lints '23 said.

The final bout of the weekend was Sunday and the Bison fell because of the explosive eighth inning the Midshipmen were able to put together. The Orange and Blue had a 9-5 lead in the sixth inning, something that they should normally feel comfortable with. But because burst of offense in the bottom of the eighth, the Midshipmen were able to take a 15-9 lead going into the final frame. The Bison added one more run before the end of the game, making the final score 15-10.

The Bison head into April with a 5-9 record and a 5-5 record within the Patriot League. Their next game will be this weekend on April 3 against the Holy Cross Crusaders. Even though the Crusaders are still looking for their first win of the season, it is an opponent that the Bison should not take lightly.

## Swimming and Diving Enjoy Senior Day Victory

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The Bison men's and women's swimming and diving teams celebrated their 15th graduating seniors with wins by both the men and women over Lehigh on March 27 at Kinney Natatorium. The women's team triumphed by a score of 175-119, while the men were victorious by a score of 192-89.

John Gehrig '24 was a standout performer for the men's team in the 1000 freestyle, 500 freestyle and 200 butterfly. Noah Basista '24 and Leo Kuyl '23 also put up multiple first-place finishes. Basista won the 100 and 200 breaststroke while Kuyl won the 50 and 100 freestyle. In total, the men won 13 events and took all top-3 spots in three of them.

On the women's side, Kate Gottwald '24 managed to set the sixth highest score in Bison 1-meter dive history. The stellar freshman

finished the sweep of the diving events by winning the 3-meter dive as well. Sabrina Vumbacco '23 brought home the gold in the 500 and 1000 freestyle and Alexis Faria '22 swept the competition in the butterfly, winning both the 500 and 1000 races. Senior Maggie Wnigowski capped off her senior day with another great performance, winning the 100 breaststroke and 200 backstroke. All told the women finished first in 11 events and went 1-2-3 in two of them.

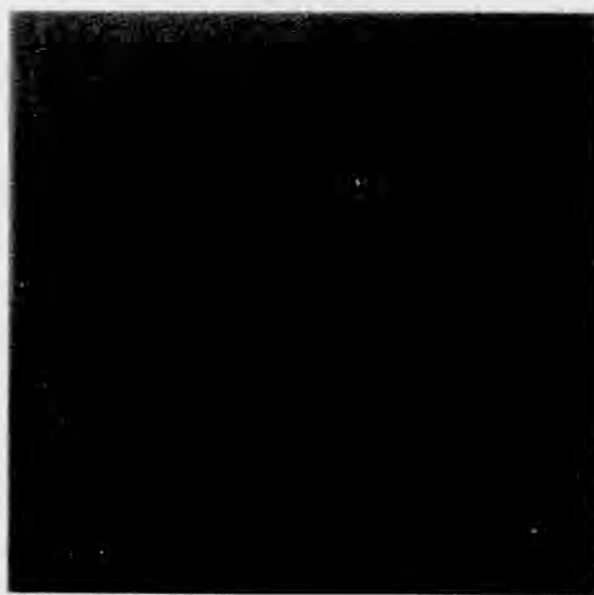
"It's great to see the passion and excitement of both the Women's and men's teams," shared mens team captain Kevin Flynn '21. "I am proud to be a part of such a special program in which my teammates show sacrifice and dedication."

The Bison will wrap up their dual meet season as they take on Loyola (MD) on Saturday, April 10. The competition will take place at Kinney Natatorium.



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## How the NCAA Really Dropped the Ball



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March Madness has certainly become more than a basketball bracket; between the excessive bets, meticulous strategies and unbridled devotion, the tournament has taken a life of its own. The nearly three-week-long basketball extravaganza is the culminating part of both NCAA men's and women's basketball seasons. Unfortunately, when asked if you've made a bracket this year, it is always assumed to be a men's bracket. No matter the incredible shots made, the strong defensive moves and the unmatched athleticism of its players, the women's March Madness tournament is repeatedly neglected by the media — frankly, it's disgusting.

In terms of money, March Madness is a multibillion-dollar gusher for the NCAA, especially considering the recently extended \$19.6 Billion, 22-year deal television deal. CBS Sports and Turner, a division of Time Warner, currently pay the NCAA about \$770 million dollars per year for the rights to air the men's tournament, the aforementioned extension will pay the NCAA \$1.1 billion beginning in 2025. As noted in Sportico, the NCAA has a 14-year, \$500 million deal with ESPN that "covers a wide-ranging series of championships," including the men's basketball National Invitational Tournament, the College World Series and the women's basketball tournament. The events are not broken apart, so counting the women's tournament, the

contract will pay the NCAA \$41.8 million this year for all of the championships.

The billion dollar monetary disparity is not the most concerning part of the conversation. The 2021 tournaments have been drowned by snapchats, TikToks and tweets highlighting the blatant inequalities of access between the men's tournament in Indiana and the women's in San Antonio. By now, you have likely seen the depressing images of the single dumbbell rack and stack of yoga mats that is serving as the women's weight and training facility. With a swipe of your finger, you will then see the glorious state-of-the-art, custom-built facility for the men in Indiana. The NARP gym here at the University is more equipped than the NCAA women's basketball tournament facility.

In addition to the subpar facilities, college officials revealed that the players within the women's bubble in San Antonio were being administered a different, less accurate daily coronavirus test than players in the men's bubble.

On March 19, the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics demanded an "independent investigation" into the disparities by the organization's president, Mark Emmert. On the same day, NCAA officials acknowledged the "blemish" within the tournament and blamed the lack of equipment on an underestimation of available space.

Yet, lack of space is surely not the main issue. Sedona Prince, a University

of Oregon player, proved that through a TikTok showing a massive vacant space next to the women's practice courts. Emmert next released a letter on March 23 agreeing to conduct an independent investigation. However, we all can anticipate the outcome, or rather lack thereof.

Muffet McGraw, the legendary former coach of Notre Dame women's basketball team, expressed her exhaustion and frustration with the outburst, tweeting that the disparity between men's and women's sports is "hardly breaking news." She's right. We can all make a ruckus about the blatant discrepancies, but an "independent investigation" is not going to lead to any fundamental change that is necessary for gender equality within NCAA sports. The NCAA may have shipped a few extra weight racks to the women's San Antonio facility following the outburst, but the additional dumbbells are exactly what they look like — a band-aid to placate the outrage until the organization has raked in their Billions of dollars.

Women's sports are continually an afterthought, and the outcry over this specific transgression will subside. The disparities will get swept under the rug. I cannot encourage or tolerate such immense disrespect. We must continue talking about the inequality — or better yet, watch the women's basketball games and make a bracket next year. Lastly, keep in mind the inequalities in sports on our own campus. Has anyone seen the Title IX coordinator? Yeah, me neither.

## Anti-Asian Hate is a National Crisis

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As our modern global social climate progresses towards inclusion of a greater domain of perspectives, including the neglected experiences of minority groups — including, but not limited to, narratives of race, gender, sexuality, religion and disability — it is painful to watch humanity stumble in accepting these differences and the society which has marginalized them. Recognizing our own biases and discriminatory beliefs is a challenging responsibility, not only does being cognizant of what may feel like minute or unintentional behavior require a greater degree of self-inspection than conscious bias, but it is always much easier to simply believe that one possesses no bias at all. Nonetheless, it is obvious that no one is truly impartial, and we all contain our own forms of bias or prejudice which express themselves in often pernicious ways. Because of our ignorance of what causes unconscious prejudice, serious and even heinous discriminatory offenses happen every day, and we are as yet uncertain why hate has apparently become intertwined with human nature. Does it stem from childhood upbringing, a lack of understanding of those who are different from us, or is it, quite simply, pain? After the introduction of the novel coronavirus, those of Asian descent — especially in North America and Europe — have faced relentless taunting from the media, politicians and anyone who knows Wuhan, China as nothing more than the place of COVID-19's origin. While it is important to acknowledge that this disease has influenced pain and frustration on a global scale, it is no excuse for the tragedies, assaults and loss of lives

that have transpired across the United States within the past few weeks.

According to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, a 149 percent increase in anti-Asian American hate crimes has occurred between the years 2019 and 2020; it is irrefutable that Asian hate is an issue that should be at the forefront of socio-political concern — not only because of this sudden peak in targeted injustice, but because many suspect that the American justice system is turning a blind eye to these attacks. One attack, occurring in New York City on a cold March evening, reported that a Chinese man had been stabbed in the back without the perpetrator and victim having so much as an exchange of words. Police concluded there was a lack of evidence for a racist motive. Another assault inspiring fear in the Asian-American community took place in Atlanta, Ga., after a white man opened fire, killing eight people, six of whom were women of Asian descent. Police concluded the suspect began his rampage as a form of vengeance for his "sexual addiction." While it would be unreasonable to assume every Asian-American victim of a crime is a result of Asian hate, those a part of this community want it acknowledged by the American government that there is, in fact, an anti-Asian intolerance enduring in present day American culture. With 1.2 million residents of New York City identifying themselves as of Asian heritage, large volumes of members and friends of the Asian community are protesting. Lu-in Wang, a law professor at the University of Pittsburgh, notes that "there's a recognizable prototype with anti-Black or anti-Semitic or anti-gay hate crime, [acts of prejudice against other minority groups] are often

more clear-cut." He is referring to the lack of symbolic representation and education on what hate can look like against Asian-Americans. There is no noose or swastika which uniquely symbolizes Asian discrimination as those former symbols identify white supremacy and anti-Black racism, and Chinese-Americans often are looked at as a "model minority" always successful, rarely a subject of sympathy or compassion. Therefore, American society is more likely to dismiss Asian hate — but this community wants their fear heard.

As a student in the progress of obtaining a Mandarin Chinese minor here at the University, it pains me to recognize that my professors, teaching assistants, friends and even roommate might feel scared to live in this country which promises to be founded upon democracy, might be neglected the offer of empathy and understanding given these tragic headlines. It is vital that Asian-hate be acknowledged in these charges, just as it was vital that diverse representation be included in Hollywood, just as it was vital that the effects of the Holocaust be implemented in the American core curriculum, in part so that each individual takes a deeper look as to how their own biases might be affecting those around them. I will conclude with a common expression in China which one of my Chinese friends here as recently explained to me, "己所不欲勿施于人" (Jǐ suǒ bù yù wú shǐ yú rén), the loose translation is similar to that of the Golden Rule: "do unto others, do not impose on others." Today, it is not only important to be kind to others, and accept those around you who might feel different than you, but join in allyship with this community and uplift Asian voices that may not feel heard.

## Schumer's plan for a greener America

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Democratic politician and newly instated Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer, plans to make America greener in the next massive infrastructure bill. President Biden has begun calls for a vast infrastructure bill, now that the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill has been signed into law. In part of this bill, Schumer wants to include a proposal for every American to swap out their gas-powered cars for electric ones. Additionally, he wants to provide other incentives to make an impact on vehicle ownership throughout the country. Many people think the government should use this money for other modes of transportation, such as public transit, which has taken a massive hit since the pandemic. Is it proper timing for the U.S. government to take action in the auto industry? The political landscape has notably shifted this year in favor of the Democratic

party, a slim majority hold in the Senate persisting under Vice President Kamala Harris's tie-breaking vote. The Democratic majority will benefit Schumer, and Biden will most likely consent to his plans. Since taking office, Biden has already signed an executive order for electric vehicles to take the place of the government's 650,000 fleet of gas-powered vehicles. Along with Biden's potential consent, Schumer has gained the endorsement of three powerful labor unions of his plans: the AFL-CIO, UAW and IBEW, all three of which can help push his agenda in the direction he wants.

In the interest of the electric vehicle consumer, the government will provide direct incentives to auto manufacturers who phase-out of internal combustion engine vehicles into electric automobiles. Additionally, the government will grant tax breaks to property owners if they install electric vehicle chargers at their homes or apartment buildings.

Much like most government plans for greener alternatives, this one has also faced criticism. Many Americans would rather see that sum of money spent on, for instance, promoting public transportation throughout the country. Since the start of the pandemic, public transportation agencies nationwide have faced a \$23.8 billion deficit. People believe that the government should not spend money on incentives for car purchases when congestion and sprawl in traffic conditions are significant contributors to the greenhouse gas emission problem.

Energy-related gas emissions are one of the leading causes of climate change, which, as demonstrated last year in the catastrophic wildfires on the West coast, is increasingly becoming an existential threat. Ultimately, the government's plans to provide incentives and push for legislation towards a greener nation are beneficial. The cost for the country is worth the advantageous environmental effects it will have.

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## Love thy neighbor, unless they're gay

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The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the organization responsible for both proclaiming and interpreting Catholic doctrine, disclosed a response on the blessing of same-sex unions on March 15. In this response, they refused to accept same-sex unions as equal to the union between a man and a woman, and even go as far as calling such a union a sin. I grew up in this faith, learning and believing that love is love in whatever different forms it may be seen in. I was taught to be compassionate to everything and everyone, but does this letter try to tell us that unconditional love is actually conditional? Is the Vatican trying to identify only certain forms of love as legitimate while discounting others?

It looks like the answer is yes.

It is important to dissect this letter. The letter starts with a question: "Does the Church have the power to give the blessing to unions of persons of the same sex?" Right below that is the response from the Vatican: "Negative." Negative? The Church has a nontrivial pop-

ulation of members in same-sex relationships, yet still refuses to bless same-sex unions. The letter goes on to say that the Vatican cannot do so because a same-sex union is "a union not ordered to the Creator's plan." What adds confusion to this letter is that it acknowledges that "positive elements" do exist within same-sex relationships but they still cannot accept them as legitimate.

In the same note that the Vatican is trying to relate relationships between a man and women to relationships of the same-sex, they relate the blessing of same-sex unions to the blessing of a sin, explaining that people in those relationships will be blessed themselves by God so that they might "be changed by him." This is a horrible explanation for their response. Using the God that the faithful people within this Church believe in against them, and continually claiming that He wants to change them instead of accepting them for who they are does not give enough reasoning for why the Vatican cannot make positive change.

As someone who grew up Catholic and attended a Catholic high school, I am very sad to see this. I

watched in high school as girls who identified as a part of the LGBTQ+ community fought to bring other girls to prom. I cannot begin to imagine what it feels like to have faith in a Church that refuses to make change to include every relationship as one that should be celebrated. It is also incredibly surprising that Pope Francis approved of this note because it had seemed in the past few years that he had taken strides to modernize the Church. Although the New York Times explains that while the pope "believed that gay couples deserved civil protections, including legal rights and health care benefits," he later clarified that "his comments had not marked a change in church doctrine." This same article explains that many parishes have already been "celebrating" blessings of same-sex unions, so why cannot church doctrine be altered to match what many within the Church are already doing?

It is time for change. It is time for a Church that only blesses some unions to bless all unions and for a Church that claims to show compassion for all to actually show compassion for all, regardless of their sexual orientation.

## The Internet should be a basic human right

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The future is unclear as to whether the Internet will be open and free to all, or begin to include a more regulated and taxing process. In response to these imagined changes, Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web, has spoken out regarding the policing of who gets to use the Internet. In a statement, he expressed that governments across the globe must work together to ensure equal access for everyone and mitigate digital divides. While many agree with Berners-Lee, others believe the Internet should be regulated to protect against those using it, in part because of the likelihood of Internet users being radicalized by heavily-censored online content or discussions. While radical extremism is certainly a major threat to the safety and security of many, we should not support increased barriers to Internet access. Instead, I believe that additional measures should be taken to make reporting of extremism easier, or other intelligent software should be used to seek out threatening searches or sites, rather than limiting others' Internet access. The Internet provides an outlet for people to express themselves, raise awareness of issues and communicate on a global scale. Its critical role is already unavailable to far too many people, especially those living in poorer communities that lack stable con-

nection. Thus further regulating the Internet would place billions in an unfair situation and potentially violate their human rights.

Fortunately for defenders of the right to Internet access, changes to the status quo will happen slowly, if at all. Any decision made about the Internet would require a high degree of international cooperation. This is an especially daunting task, since getting national governments to agree on anything in recent years has been nearly impossible. However, working together to make the Internet open to all is the only way to protect the rights of people around the world. Young people are some of the most affected by the unequal and unjust access to the Internet — restraining many from sharing their opinions and creations due to abridged or completely proscribed Internet access. If this persists, it would place those with privilege and government connections ahead, while others living in adverse conditions struggle to be heard. According to The Verge, in the United States, only two-thirds of those living in rural areas have broadband access, while 79% of people living in the suburbs have access. This disparity, among others, highlights the unequal distribution of access to the Internet.

Berners-Lee believes that by limiting Internet accessibility to anyone, we ultimately fail to serve humanity. Minority groups are disproportionately targeted

by this reality of abuse and misinformation on the Internet leaving specific religions, sexualities, genders and races without protection. Not only should access to the Internet be a basic human right, but also the right to equal protection from this harmful content.

Terrorist and hate groups are obviously very present on the Internet, a substantially useful tool for recruitment and propaganda. This causes system stress, and with it arguments for regulation, but other steps may be taken rather than some overarching drastic abridgement of rights. By focusing on targeting harmful and hateful content, people can be provided with more protection. With a collective effort from national governments, the Internet can become a less hostile environment. Technology companies and law enforcement agencies can join forces to combat these threats.

Finally, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly shown the need for equal access to the Internet. While everyone was forced to stay home and work from home, this left those with no access or unstable Internet access in a tough position with their work. With everyone working in their homes, those who are more privileged were able to continue working in an easier fashion. Creating an Internet free and open to all will help eliminate some of the barriers to equality and increase our collective, democratic freedom.

## Uyghur genocide proves need to confront China

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Since 2017, Uyghurs, the second-largest Muslim ethnic group in China, have been sent in droves to internment camps within their native region of Xinjiang. Acts like these are an affront to human rights and tantamount to cultural erasure of millions, yet these events rarely enter the news. This is due to a potent combination of China's successful ability to suppress information within their own country, as well as a worrying hesitance from the international community to take meaningful action against a country that has rapidly become a powerhouse in the global economy, while simultaneously stripping the rights of millions.

These steps began in 2014, when the Chinese government enacted measures to move around one million Uyghurs illegally from their homes and into internment camps, the largest since World War II. They are ripped from their families and trapped in prisons where they undergo "reeducation," a series of indoctrination programs that forces Uyghurs from their devotion to Islam to becoming committed supporters of the Chinese Communist Party.

The children of those taken away are sent to facilities, likened as boarding schools by the government. Yet these are far more similar to orphanages that maintain the similar philosophies of indoctrination found in the internment camps.

Reports have arisen from within these camps that thousands of Uyghurs have been placed under forced labor, with built-in facilities specializing in shoemaking, mobile phone assembly and tea packaging.

China at first vehemently denied the existence of these camps, yet when their locations were identified,

the government's stance shifted from denial to softening their perceived severity, claiming they were nothing more than vocational education centers designed to erode extremist tendencies within the Uyghur community. These camps were officially legalized by the Chinese government in 2018, with the country's former foreign minister arguing that these actions were intended to improve Xinjiang and crack down on ethnic separatist activities.

But it is not merely the internment camps that present the removal of human rights in Xinjiang, but also a harsh crackdown on its citizens through invasive surveillance that serves to profile Uyghurs and, essentially, preemptively condemn them for their potential to commit crimes. It is regarded as one of the first known examples of a government applying artificial intelligence programming for racial profiling, and has provided police and authorities with easier methods to identify those that they deem necessary to be sent to the region's camps.

Despite such brazen attempts from the Chinese government to effectively erase Uyghur culture, the international response has been a mixed-bag. Some countries, like Russia and Saudi Arabia, have defended the country's actions. Others, such as Australia and Canada, have condemned the camps and the treatment of the Uyghurs, with the latter officially recognizing the actions as genocide and joining a handful of countries to have done so. In July 2019, the United Nations Human Rights Council condemned China for their abuse of Uyghurs.

The United States was notably the first country to declare the actions as genocide near the end of January, and in July of last year passed the Uyghur Human Rights Policy (UHRP) Act,

which mandated that federal U.S. government bodies report on events and abuses undertaken in China while condemning the human rights violations.

Recognition is a critical first step towards meaningful action against China for their actions, even if the responses were delayed. But condemnation amounts to nothing if it is not followed by consequence. Sanctions were recently placed on senior members of China's politburo, coordinated by the United States, European Union and several other countries. This continues steps taken by the UHRP Act, which had also placed sanctions on a few select members of China's electing body.

The collective condemnation of China's actions through multilateral sanctions can hopefully be viewed as a growing movement of unity to pressure the country economically or diplomatically. Even countries which formally defended China's actions in 2019, such as Qatar, had switched their position towards that of criticism. What remains critical is to withhold from backsliding or stagnation from these collective efforts, and countries maintain this momentum.

Let there be no mistake here, the abuses of Uyghurs in China constitute some of the worst crimes against humanity in modern history. The accounts from those within the camps detail forced sterilizations, and organ harvesting of Uyghurs are among numerous other accusations with growing evidence supporting its occurrences. There is no room for hesitance from the international community, nor notions that the job is done when a few sanctions have been made. More countries must join the effort against China for what is being undertaken in Xinjiang to free those still trapped in the camps and finally bring them back to their families.



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# Springing into New Scholarships

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Spring is considered a season of change, growth and newness. Spring at the University also brings a new set of spring scholarships and fellowship opportunities on campus for those studying the humanities. These prestigious scholarships are open to rising juniors, seniors and recent alums interested in studying and/or working within a wide range of subjects and fields.

## POST BACCALAUREATE

These awarded programs and scholarships grant selected juniors, seniors and recent alums the opportunity to further their learning with full scholarships to graduate schools, doctoral training and/or research. They are: The Fulbright Program, The Davies-Jackson Scholarship, the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, the Knight-Hennessy Scholars, the Marshall Scholarship, the George J. Mitchell scholarship, The National Institutes of Health Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program, the Rhodes Trust Scholarships, the Schwarzman Scholars and The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans.

## PROFESSIONAL FELLOW

Similar to the post-baccalaureate awards, these fellowships offer selected juniors, seniors and recent alums the opportunity to further their professional careers as research assistants and/or social impact leaders at nonprofit organizations. They are: the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program and the FAO Schwarz Fellowship.

## FOREIGN SERVICE SCHOLAR

Lastly, the foreign service scholarships offer selected juniors, seniors and recent alums the opportunity to pursue endeavors related to foreign service. They are: the Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program, the Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship and the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship.

## PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FOR JUNIORS

There is also the Harry S. Truman scholarship, which is a public service award specifically for juniors, that grants selected individuals who are dedicated to careers in public service the opportunity to pursue graduate or professional school with a full scholarship.

## SUPPLEMENTAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

This program consists of the Critical Language Scholarship, which provides intensive language and cultural immersion for American students whose intended career relies on one of the 15 languages included in the program. The following of these programs are also offered to international students: The Fulbright Program, the Gates

Cambridge Scholarship, the Knight-Hennessy scholars, the Rhodes Trust Scholarships, the Schwarzman Scholars, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program and the FAO Schwarz Fellowship.

For all of these awards and scholarships, students must be nominated by fellow

peers, professors, faculty and staff and alumni. Self-nominations are also permitted, though other nominations are preferred. Once nominated, individuals have the opportunity to express their interest in any of the awards and scholarships they qualify for by submitting their resume and/or cover letter along with an interest form. Then there

is another selection process through the Fellowship and Research department of the University. Finally, nominated and selected individuals must complete lengthy applications throughout the summer that are due next fall.

Further information on these scholarships and their criteria can be found on this document: <https://docs.google.com/document/>

## AWARDED ALUMS

Some recent programs that University students have been applicants for include the Gates Cambridge and NIH Oxford-Cambridge, which Will Snyder '21 applied to, the Fulbright to teach English in Mexico and Pickering and Payne Foreign Service awards given to Maren Burling '19, the Fulbright to earn a master's degree in the UK that Brennan Yee '21 applied to and Nicole Reddig '22, who was also an applicant for a Truman award.

When asked for advice or

tips about approaching the application process, Burling encourages students to "find what motivates you and what you want to learn more about and try to stick with that. Sticking with it will not only bring up possible leadership opportunities which really stand out in any application but also mentors. I also got involved in research as an undergraduate which solidified my interest in this field and also provided me with a wonderful faculty member who wrote my reference."

Burling expressed the importance of discovering a topic that you are truly interested in along with the additional bonus of pursuing one of these programs: improving professional relationships with your professors.

Snyder, recipient of the Gates Cambridge scholarship, described his experience going through the application process as "sort of like a marathon." He began the brainstorming ways to make his application stand out a year before it was due. He said

the application process is a "way to learn a lot about yourself as you recall stories from long ago and how it relates."

Through applying to such programs, one is forced to look inward and discover what broader impact they hope to have on their community and with their work. "There is much to gain from these scholarships because they will set you up to figure out what are those broader impacts that you want to have with your work," Snyder said.

## PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

Director for Undergraduate Fellowships and Research Margaret Marr emphasizes that constructing the perfect scholarship applications can be a months long process. "I try to break the work [for students] up so it's manageable. We get a first draft of one thing, then we polish that draft, then do another essay and again polish those so that it builds on itself over time," Marr said.

The application process begins in March with nominations, selections made in April

and the applications drafted over the summer. Following the end of the summer, a review committee is put together to help the applicants get feedback on their application.

The University's opportunities are not limited to these spring scholarships; there are also a set of scholarships and fellowships that open in the fall for applications. For the Fall Scholarship process, nominations occur in October, selections in November and the application draft process is throughout winter break. They

are: the Barry Goldwater Scholarship, the Beinecke Scholarship, the Boren Scholarship and Fellowship, the Udall scholarship, the Fulbright UK Summer Institute and the SMART Scholarship.

More information on these programs can be found on the university's fellowship and research page as well as the following handouts: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/KtbxLthldvJkPPQPskwHSMWWCGPmqcDmL?projector=1&messageP>

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For students who have been nominated this spring semester, good luck on your application process! For underclassmen who are interested in these outstanding opportunities, be sure to make your efforts stand out and form relationships with peers, professors, faculty and staff!





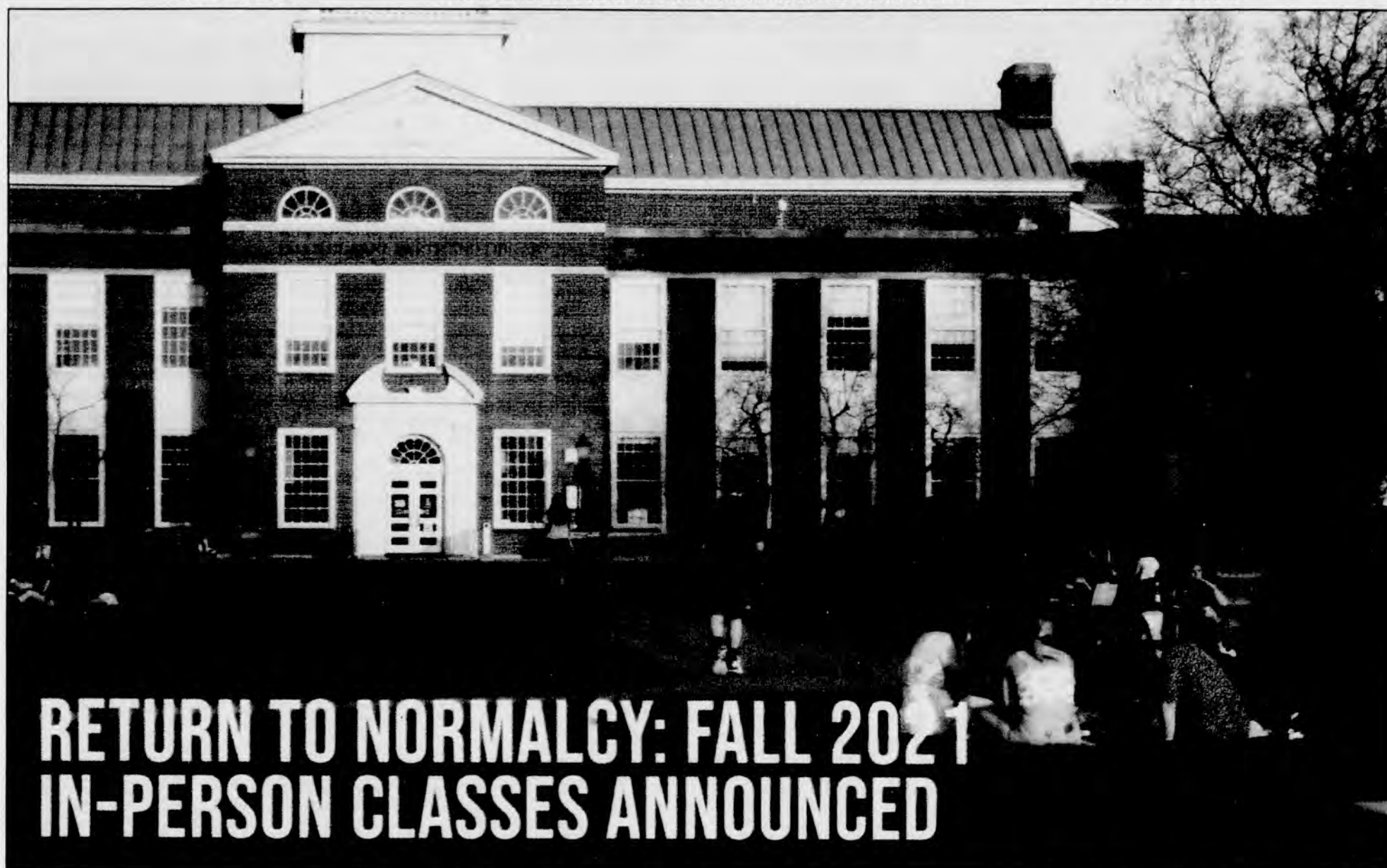


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Students enjoy the warm weather this week on Malesardi Quadrangle

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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University administrators have officially announced that campus is committing itself to return to full in-person instruction for the Fall 2021 semester. Plans are in place for the unmodified academic calendar to also make its return, with New Student Orientation kicking off the year on Aug. 18. However possibly the biggest difference for

next semester's calendar is the inclusion of a Fall break, currently scheduled for Oct. 8-12. Although all dates remain tentative, a Thanksgiving break has also been planned for Nov. 19-28. The announcement includes a statement from Vice President of Strategic Initiatives Robert Midkiff, who noted that "it is unlikely that we will create online programs or offer courses in a virtual format on a routine basis."

Associate Professor of

Spanish Fernando Blanco discussed that, although he is excited to get back into the classroom, he would be open to accommodating students that may not feel comfortable returning to campus yet. "The transition has not been easy. The most complex and challenging thing has been to adapt teaching strategies to the Zoom environment [...] I guess the key concept is flexibility," Blanco said.

With COVID-19 vac-

ination rates rising across the country, it comes as no surprise that the University would announce full in-person courses for the fall. But, the question remains whether it is too soon to remove a remote learning option from students that may be greatly affected by the pandemic. "I would feel greatly disappointed if the school offers no remote instruction. I think even the minimum of course requirements should be made available remote-

ly," Manuel Teshe '23 said. "I myself would likely decide to go back in the fall, but we must also be mindful of other people who may be in worse-off positions."

Caleb Wooten '23 and Kaya Burton '23 feel similarly, thinking that it may be too soon to remove the remote-learning option for some students. "The university getting rid of that would be extremely saddening as they would not be consider-

## Women's and Gender Studies seniors present culminating experience research

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On Monday, April 5, the first three presentations of the 2021 Women's and Gender Studies Student Speaker Series were given via Zoom. This year, the series is spread out over the course of three dates, with the remaining presentations happening on April 16, and April 20. Attendees have to register online before the event to have access, with registration links attached to the Speaker Series posters.

The series consists of 10 seniors who presented research projects, honors theses or internship experiences to students, faculty and staff.

This year, the Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) senior majors are presenting their independent research, which was conducted in the Fall 2020 Advanced Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies course (WMST 400). This series was a culminating experience for senior WGS majors, with a learning community being formed together despite the different fields of research being pursued.

Each event consists of three or four presentations with time for questions after each individual presentation, and time for broader group questions and discussions at the end. Each student's re-

## INVESTIGATIVE NEWS

### University continues search for vacant Title IX positions

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Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, institutions of higher education have a responsibility to take effective action to prevent, punish and redress instances of sexual violence. Since that time, successive presidential administrations — notably the Obama administration — pushed tough policies for protecting women on college campuses. In 2011, for instance, the Office of Civil Rights for the Obama Department of Education issued a "Dear Colleague" Letter (DCL) on sexual violence, which imposed requirements on higher education institutions to designate a Title IX and Interpersonal Violence Coordinator, providing federal funding in order to achieve this goal. These offices are responsible for handling all complaints of sexual assault, sexual violence and gender discrimination on campus.

Upon the departure of Title IX Coordinator Kate Grimes and Interpersonal Violence Coordinator Rebecca Gieger in early 2020—who

both accepted positions at other universities—their positions have yet to be filled by full-time candidates. While interim Coordinator Abby DelGiaccio has provided Title IX services since Grimes's departure, her position was only intended to be temporary. The University has yet to hire an interim Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator.

"These are two vitally important roles to fill at the University," said Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo on behalf of the search committee. The terms of the current search are fairly stringent—applicants must possess either a Master's or Law (JD) degree, five years of experience in Title IX compliance, and a strong knowledge of related laws and regulations. "The challenges are always recruiting someone with the best qualifications to come to Bucknell to serve in these respective positions," Ferlazzo explained.

In an email to the University's faculty on Aug. 28, 2020, President Bravman comprehensively updated faculty on the status of the position: "For the Title IX Coordinator, the search committee has vetted and inter-

viewed several candidates, but the interviewed candidates have not presented credentials and/or profiles that align with Bucknell's required qualifications. The Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator position was originally posted in late January 2020 and ultimately put on hold due to COVID. The position is currently being re-posted."

Concurrently with this protracted search, the University has also been working to align its procedure with a suite of new Title IX compliance requirements published by the Trump administration in May 2020, which established more structured grievance procedures for an individual reporting sexual harassment. While the administration argues that these adjustments balance Title IX's intent with constitutionally-guaranteed precepts of due process, critics contend that such changes may deter victims from reporting on-campus sexual harassment.

In the Aug. 28 memo, Bravman also outlined the development of related Title IX positions to adhere to

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

Recent news of secret dinner parties for the elite has set off outrage across the country, as France undergoes yet another lockdown. The report of the secret dinner parties relies on hidden camera footage, and one dinner organizer had said several French ministers have attended the illegal parties, before backtracking his statement.

More than 1,800 prisoners were broken out of a jail in Nigeria, with gunmen bearing machine guns and grenades aiding all the prisoners in their escape. Nigerian authorities blame the jailbreak on a rebel group in the southeastern corner of Nigeria, known as Biafra, where they have been promoting the secession for decades.

## DOMESTIC

Americans are following along closely as the trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin continues to unfold after the actions that took place last May during the arrest of George Floyd. Prosecution witnesses testified that Chauvin's restraint of Floyd did not follow standard police tactics.

U.S. President Joe Biden moved his target date up for vaccine eligibility by two weeks. The deadline for every state to make every American adult eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine is now set for April 19.

## CAP Core brings back Bison Sound

Lindsay Kaul  
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With spring in full swing at the University, it's almost time for one of the Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Core's biggest events of the year: Bison Sound. Bison Sound is an annual music festival that is held at the end of each academic year. In past years, this popular event has drawn large crowds of students to play lawn games, eat free food and, most importantly, watch their fellow students perform. Unfortunately, Bison Sound was canceled last year when the campus was shut down due to COVID-19. This means that while the event will be easily recognizable to upperclassmen, first-years and sophomores have never seen Bison Sound before.

CAP Core, in collaboration with other organizations such as Uptown and Seventh Street Studio, are responsible for planning Bison Sound. Like all of their other student events this year, CAP Core has had to navigate COVID-19 regulations in their

planning efforts. Bison Sound will likely look different this year, but it still promises to be a fun yet safe way for students to socialize at the end of the academic year.

"We are so excited to offer Bison Sound this year in a COVID-19 friendly way. Food trucks, student performers, tie dye and so many other fun elements come together to form this Bucknell favorite event. It is such a fun way to wrap up the semester together," Assistant Director of Campus Activities and Programs Molly Burkholder said.

Bison Sound is scheduled to take place from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. The event will be held at two locations this year: outside Seventh Street Studio and outside Uptown. Students will be able to tie-dye different Bison Sound-themed apparel outside Seventh Street Studio and enjoy student performances in the McDonnell Amphitheater, located outside of Uptown. Students will also be able to enjoy food from food trucks stationed at these locations.

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policy changes enacted by the Trump administration. Under these new regulations, the University would also hire a Title IX investigator who would "develop the facts related to each Formal Complaint and to present those reports to the hearing panel." They also require the University to provide advisors (free of charge) to any party who can actively participate in the Title IX hearing. "The amplification of the Title IX hearing process as a quasi-judicial hearing where parties may be cross-examined by attorneys may make it more difficult to find volunteers who are willing to serve in the advisor role," Brayman warned. On April 6, the Biden administration announced plans to overhaul the Trump era Title IX campus sexual assault policy, which are likely to have an effect on the aforementioned adjustments to hiring, training, and procedure for Title IX-related issues.

The absence of these roles has not gone unnoticed to students, particularly pos-

ing a challenge for SpeakUp, the University's peer education program that is responsible for misconduct prevention, education and awareness campaigns on campus. "These two positions have been crucial in overseeing the implementation of workshops for first years, along with events and programming for the rest of the student body. Based on their absence, as well as the presence of a pandemic, it has been difficult for speak up to function as it normally would and to bring awareness of the organization to the rest of campus," shared Lily Shaner '21, a SpeakUp ally. "With these roles not being filled, the student body is missing crucial resources that are integral for a supportive and safe college experience."

Responding to The Bucknellian via email, Ferlazzo shared that the search committee hopes the role of Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator will be filled by the end of the week. The committee will continue to recruit for the role of Title IX Coordinator, but no clear prospects have yet been announced.

## FALL 2021 IN-PERSON

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ing the circumstances all their students have and how the pandemic has affected people long-term," Wooten said.

Similarly, Burton believes that "there are many positive features found remotely that do not have the same impact in person. I think if the University does not offer any remote options, we will be missing out on a type of learning that can be quite interesting."

Professor of English Elena Machado had mixed feelings when asked about the announcement. She misses "informally chatting" with various students and

peers across campus, but knowing that people are still suffering from the pandemic "makes the idea of returning to a pre-pandemic, fully in-person campus experience a bit stressful."

Midkiff states in his announcement that the University will move ahead "cautiously and deliberately." Still adhering to the COVID-19 class schedule, the fall will maintain half-hour blocks in between classes to give facilities enough time to guarantee cleaning of classrooms. Situational updates will be announced as the Fall semester approaches.

## Spring ushers in holiday events

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This past weekend, the University was feeling the holiday spirit with several celebratory events that took place across campus.

On Saturday morning, the Concert Committee and Bison Sound worked together to put on a socially distanced Egg Hunt on the engineering quad. Two lucky winners were even able to find special golden eggs that held tickets to next year's concert. Hundreds of eggs were scattered across the engineering quad with many students racing around to collect as many as they could. Concert Committee member Kaiti Bednarski '23 spoke more about the event, saying, "We were really excited to see people getting out in the nice weather trying to bring as much festivity to Bucknell as possible. Although we can't have a concert this year, we were just excited to be able to see people getting out in the nice weather trying to bring as much festivity to Bucknell as possible. Although we can't have a concert this year, we were just excited to be able to see people getting out in the nice weather trying to bring as much festivity to Bucknell as possible."

In addition to the Egg Hunt, Rooke Chapel offered several opportunities for students to attend Worship on Easter Sunday. In-person services were held on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Rooke Chapel Memorial Grove. Additionally, the 11 a.m. service was streamed via Zoom for those who were unable to attend the in-person service.

"We saw just over 100 guests between the two services - students, faculty, staff, and family - and a few dozen more via Zoom and Facebook," said Chaplain Kurt Nelson, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life. "It felt joyous, and connected, and meaningful to be back together, even though we can't sing and embrace just yet. I hope folks were able to hear afresh the good news that love and life are triumphant. It was a meaningful day for me, and I am grateful to all who made it possible."

The Chaplain also spoke more about what the service

entailed: "We read the Easter story from the Gospel of Mark - which is full of mystery and awe and wonder. And we read Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar for the young people - an Easter tradition."

In addition to the Easter festivities this past weekend, members of the Jewish community on campus celebrated Passover with two Seders—one at 4:30 p.m. and another at 6:45 p.m., including an option to attend virtually via Zoom—hosted by Hillel on Saturday, March 27th. "Though we were unable to conduct our large Passover Seder as done in previous years, we were able to hold two smaller student-led Seders. Any Jewish student who wanted to participate in all of the usual Passover traditions were able to in a Covid-safe way. This would not have been possible without Rabbi Goldberg and the Jewish Life staff, who we at Hillel, the Jewish student organization, are extremely grateful for," shared Manning Martus '21, president of Hillel.

"Going through the Haggadah and alternating paragraphs kept people involved and interested. They served delicious matzah ball soup, my personal Passover favorite," said Seder attendee Emma Davison '23.

In addition to the Seder, the Berelson Center offered lunch, dinners and snacks that were kosher for the holiday to help students observe Passover. Berelson offered lunch services between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the exception of Friday, as Hillel hosts Shabbat dinners on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. They were also committed to delivering kosher meals to those in isolation housing during the week of Passover.

With the travel restrictions still in place on campus, the spring holidays weekend may have looked a bit different this year for many students. Nevertheless, the religious organizations on campus still encouraged students to celebrate.

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## WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES STUDENT SPEAKER SERIES

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search was independent and stemmed from different motives of interest.

For the first event, there were 22 attendees, including students, faculty and family. The first presenter was Meredith Sullivan '21, whose research was titled, "Gender Based Discrimination at the University." In her presentation, Sullivan addressed questions such as, "Why study gender based discrimination?" and related national statistics of gender based discrimination to issues that are present at the University. To collect data for her research, Sullivan used surveys, focus groups and Instagram polls.

The second presenter was Hannah Lifter '21 with her research titled, "A Contemporary Understanding and Analysis of Interpersonal Violence (IPV)." The societal impacts and gender influences of IPV in queer relationships and the toxic environment that COVID-19 creates for victims of IPV. In her research, Lifter discussed the prevalent issues of IPV through the pandemic lockdowns, an issue that is

already underreported with a lack of education on IPV. Lifter also looked into the gap in research about IPV in the queer community. Lifter's research was centered in 21st Century America on young women, the queer community, modern forms of media and COVID-19 and the relations to IPV.

The third and final presenter of the first night of the Student Speaker Series was Kate McGrath '21. McGrath's research was titled, "Diabetes Disparities: The Importance of Diverse Treatment Plans for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes." Through her research, McGrath discussed issues of food insecurity and lack of access to health care with focus on the increasing numbers of Type 2 Diabetes in the United States.

"This research project was especially important to me because I was able to share it with my peers," McGrath said. "Type 2 Diabetes is currently the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. This is due to a myriad of environmental

factors and inequalities in our healthcare system. These inequalities prevent patients from understanding their diagnosis and getting the resources they need to lead healthier lives."

Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Erica Delsandro worked intensively with the student presenters on their research across the Fall semester in the Advanced Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies. When asked about the WGS Student Speaker Series, Professor Delsandro said, "A strength of the research undertaken by WGS senior majors is that most of our students are double majors, which means that their projects are truly interdisciplinary. WGS is interdisciplinary by nature, but when students bring their additional majors to bear on their WGS projects, their research represent the social justice possibilities that emerge through intersectional feminist frameworks."

Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Corallynn Davis was excited about all of the great work done by

the presenters in this year's Student Speaker Series. "We hope that those who attend the presentations will experience the diverse set of research questions that WGS students have an opportunity to explore in our department. We want to showcase the intersectional feminist methodological tools students are equipped with through their education in our department enabling them to explore social justice angles on the topics they explore — whether about questions of health, sport, relational violence, social media, incarceration, sex education, motherhood, or representations in popular culture — all of which are subjects in this semester's presentation series," Davis said.

When asked about the future of the Women's and Gender Studies Department as a whole, Davis said, "The WGS Department has spent the past several months in self-reflection on the current strengths of our program and opportunities for expanding and further improving our of-

ferings to students and the University more broadly. We hope to have the opportunity to bring a new faculty member on board whose teaching expertise complements those we already have in areas of growing student interest, especially in gender and health. We also hope to expand the opportunities students in our program have for engagement with the broader world."

Even as Women's and Gender Studies Department continues to grow, the department will continue to be shaped by students' passions. "WMST 400 affords our majors the chance to follow their passions by taking on projects that they might not have a chance to pursue otherwise. When our students lead with their passion, their final projects are on fire! I am so proud of our students; their work is a model for ethical, engaged, and compassionate research," Delsandro said.

Students and faculty are excited to see the rest of the presentations for the 2021 WGS Student Speaker Series. At 5 p.m. on April 16,

the second session of the series will be presented on Zoom. Presenters and their research include Patience Agasaro '21, "From the Streets to Tweets: The Legitimacy of Social Media Activism," Delia Hughes, "The Impact of Language and Sex Education on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Youth," and Kristin Smith '21, "An Intersectional Investigation into Maternal Mortality in the United States and its Interaction with Societal Expectations of Motherhood."

At 5 p.m. on April 20, the third and final session will take place. Presenters and their research include Claire Martin '21, "Understanding Rape and Sexual Violence in Scandinavia through Nordic Noir's Depiction of Women," Steph Person '21, "Love Sucks: The Vampire Boyfriend's Perpetuation of Toxic Relationships," Ariel Booker '21, "Women's Rising Incarceration in America," and Delia Sipe '21, "Understanding the Intersections of Sex, Gender, and Sport."

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## That girl you hate posted on Instagram – here's what to comment

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It's happened before, but it never gets any easier. You innocently look through your Instagram feed, past the woke text-posts and tone-deaf darty photos, until you inevitably stumble across the hellish capture of one merciless post: the girl you can't stand, but who shares mutual friends with you, uploaded a selfie to the World Wide Web.

Your brain short-circuits as you try to think of something to say. Not too nice where you could ever be accused of being two-faced, but the pressure to say something weighs on you as you think about the awkwardness the next pregame would be in the wake of your comment's absence. But fear not! This age-old problem has existed since the beginning of Instagram, and will persist until its demise, so we have developed some seamless options for your next predicament.

**"You are so brave!"**

We love bravery! Superhero movies? Always a hit. The bravery stemming from the act of posting a photo of oneself may be... unorthodox, but it is bravery nonetheless, and no one can fault you for giving a compliment.

**"You have the craziest personality!"**

You probably don't like her because of her personality, and odds are crazy could fit the bill. No lies, no fake

compliments — just the truth dressed up with some exclamation points. We are speaking our mind in a way that is tailored to the good of how others perceive us in 2021.

**"Aww, that shirt reminds me of my grandma"**

And who doesn't love their grandma? She's kind, loving, and makes great food. She has zero fashion sense, but all the other qualities are great, and people will see that portrayed in your kind words.

**Emojis**

These little emotion icons have captured the cliché often spoken and rarely followed: if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all (the person who started that clearly never heard any good gossip). Regardless, the sentiment is admirable, which makes these tiny faces the perfect option. I would suggest the one that looks like its eyes are going to pop out of its head. That could either be taken as "OMG, you're so pretty I literally can't believe my eyes" or, and more truthfully, capturing the look on your face when you realized you must go another day pretending to be a good person.

These comments have proven to have a 37 percent success rate, which is phenomenal in comparison to the abysmal results seen from actually speaking your mind. Don't forget that social media is for showing the world the fakest, best version of yourself.

## Super Saturday trickles into Splendid Sunday, Magnificent Monday, Terrific Tuesday

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As spring continues into April at the University, the sun is out and the Super Saturday festivities continue. The run-down houses of downtown are yet again sporting their routine backyards full of Princess Polly-clad girls and khaki-wearing die champions.

This past week, however, something was in the water at the University. Instead of Super Saturday lasting for a few hours, before the campus-wide phenomenon dubbed "post-supper nap," before downtown becomes full of the same perpetrators, Super Saturday continued all day into the night.

Furthermore, Saturday night didn't stop the students from their outings. Splendid Sunday commenced at 12 a.m. sharp, and lasted for exactly 24 hours until Magnificent Monday began at 12 a.m. the following day, only to be followed by Terrific Tuesday. At 12 a.m. precisely after Terrific Tuesday, the students partaking in the four-day long celebration all walked, zombie-like, in a horde back to their respective residences.

Not everyone made it. Some students slept in the grass, some slept underneath bushes to avoid suspicion, and some even slept on the

banks of the Susquehanna so they would have to move as little as possible to get fresh water from the source come Wednesday morning.

"It was actually my idea to sleep on the riverbanks," Hannah Suskee '21 said. "I thought it would maximize efficiency because when we woke up Wednesday morning after our four-day outing we would only have to crawl a few feet to get fresh water, straight from the source!"

A four-day outing is usually called a "bender," and it's highly recommended you do NOT drink the Susquehanna water. It's a good idea to refrain from drinking the water of rivers, lakes or other bodies of water where its inhabitants suffer from severe genetic mutations, like the three-eyed fish known to inhabit the Susquehanna.

Wednesday morning, it was reported that approximately three-quarters of campus were hungover from the events that had transpired the days prior. An impressive feat, no doubt, but no different than most Saturday and Sunday mornings.

It was also reported that water fountains all over campus were fully drained of their clean water early Wednesday morning, causing absolute pandemonium and Walmart to sell out of Pedialyte.

## Zoom room mishaps



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Ahh, the good old Zoom meeting — something we've become all too familiar with this past year. Like any form of technology, Zoom has its issues.

The first one I'll touch on is the waiting room. What exactly is the point of that? I mean, I get it for appointments, but there should be a way to disable it for classes. There is nothing worse than when your professor doesn't realize that you haven't been let in and you end up missing your class. "It was like being on a deserted island!" exclaimed a frenzied student after missing the review session for his exam because he had never been let out of the waiting room. No way to send a chat to the professor. No way to communicate with other people in the waiting room. Just alone in the dark abyss.

I said that there is nothing worse than being left in the waiting room, but I'm going to take that back because that is not nearly as bad as not leaving Zoom. This issue is one that I have experienced first hand. Picture this: it's a Friday morning and you are exhausted. This week has absolutely kicked your behind. Beat you to a pulp. You could just keep sleeping. But, being the good student you are, you decide to join your class on Zoom. This ended up be-

ing a huge mistake because you can barely even pay attention since the professor's voice is so monotone and the class is not interactive by any means. You can barely hold your eyes open. You turn off the camera. "What harm can it do if I just rest my eyes for a few seconds?" you think to yourself. Turns out the answer to that question is: a lot.

You end up absolutely knocking out as your professor continues to give his lecture. Your body enters a coma-like state that not even the sound of an air horn could pull you out of. Twenty minutes later, your class ends. Everyone thanks the professor and exits the zoom room, until it's just the two of you left. "Hello? Do you have a question about the material?" asks your professor. No response. "Well I'm not sure where you are but I'm going to end the meeting now... have a nice day," he says with a tone of uncertainty in his voice. Half an hour later you wake up next to your laptop, which is still on with the zoom tab open, and realize the grave mistake you made.

Personally, I'm not sure how much longer I can go singeing my corneas from staring at my laptop all hours of the day. I mean it isn't like we have many other options considering the current situation the world is facing, but I think most if not all of us can agree that we're hoping this doesn't last forever.

## A reflection of that thing on my face

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With everything winding down in terms of COVID-19, there's hope for us to reach the Shangri-La of freedom, letting go of our face masks. It's clear that these opaque fabrics have helped us plenty during these troubled times. Sure, they definitely prohibited us from hugging our parents, but look at the special workout our lungs performed daily! Who needs to get out and exercise when we can go to class all masked up? Hey, that's what I told my doctor when I got my last virtual physical over break. The day we will remove our masks is the day we recognize that masks are polluting our water. Chemicals in masks are toxic, and they cannot help the fish breathe easier by keeping the scary molecules out.

What even is a mask, anyway? What fabrics make a mask? Is it what the doctors or nurses use once, or is it the cloth that we wear all day for weeks on end? I mean, they should probably be washed or something, but I'm trying to save money for DoorDash. By the way, how many layers of cloth masks make up the protection of one medical mask? Is there an algorithm? I see so many people with two masks on, but doesn't it strain the ears? Isn't there a mask that has thrice the protection without this added strain? My earlobes are killing me! It would help with the breathing, too — that is what my doctor said. He also mentioned doing actual exercise, but I only listened to specific parts of his advice.

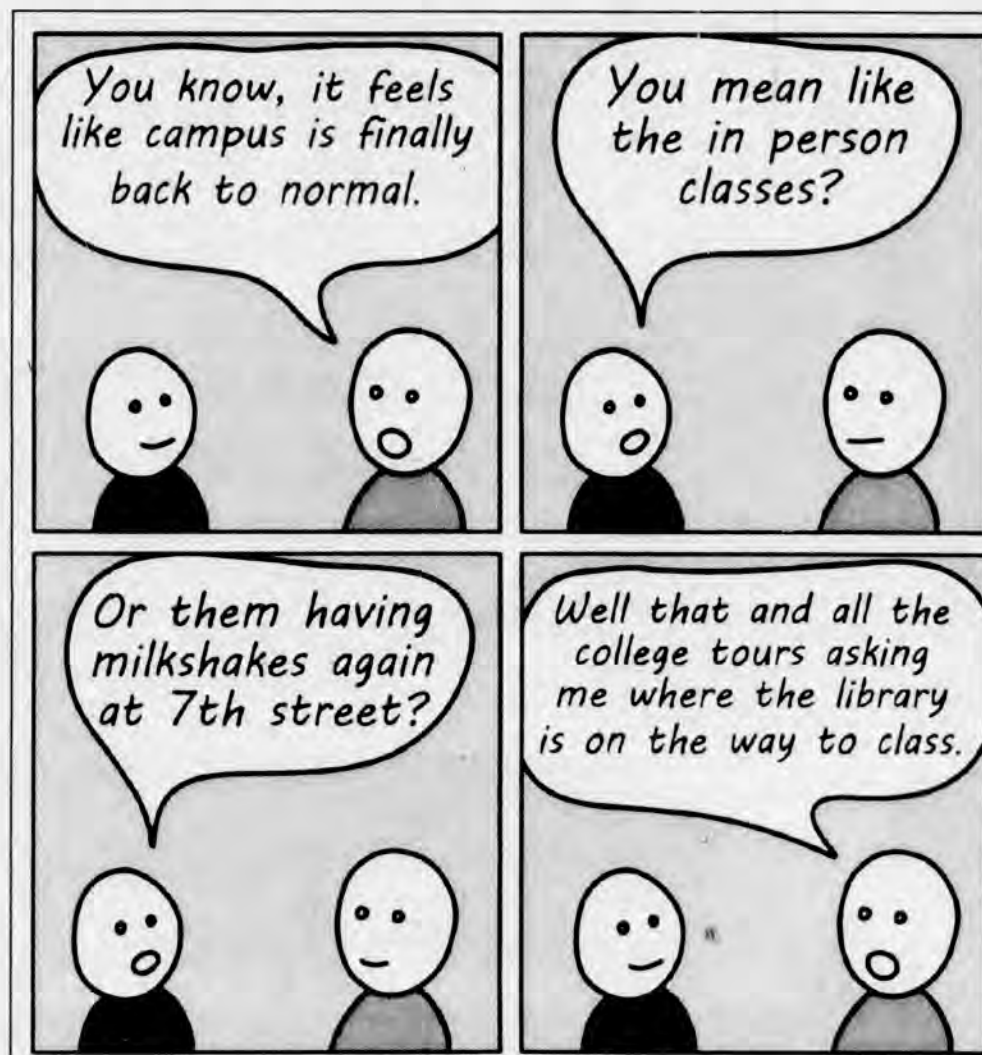
Plus, there are lots of philosophical and spiritual questions about this subject that I will likely never understand. When the time of masks is over, will it be too late to remove it as the cultural staple it tries to be today? I mean, how many fashion businesses

are going into debt because they haven't capitalized on the whole "mask" thing? This is going to send the economy into shambles! Worse of all, when they do catch up, people are going to be so over it by then because fashion is a fickle beast. So now they'll have a surplus of these leopard-patterned or whatever animal facemask things they have and nobody will want to buy them. Not to forget to mention the Halloween shops — we already have our costumes! Because all of this is happening all at once, the economy is going to just collapse!

One bright spot — the day when masks are gone, people with glasses will rejoice because their breath will stop fogging up their glasses. If their breath doesn't, it just proves that their mask is awful and they should feel bad. Even so, why wouldn't those people just wear goggles? Be like those cool science people from the movies! Lots of people wear goggles, like swimmers, scientists and hunters. I mean, you can use goggles for so many awesome things. They should be just as important as face masks. Not only do they improve sight, but they also won't fog up as much. Besides that, people can't see my mouth, but what if they couldn't see my eyes either? I'd be Mr. Mysterious over here, but it still wouldn't help my romantic aspirations. Not only can you not see my face with this on, but my personality (expressed through sarcasm and dry humor) would be completely muffled.

I mean, listen, there are more and more mask variants being produced every day. There are tiny nose masks (effective when eating), clear face coverings and eventually face mask hazmat suits. I don't know when face masks will end, and neither do the people in charge. Just remember to take a breath every once in a while when nobody is around. My doctor said so.

## Kyle's Corner



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# Vaccination Nation

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As the novel coronavirus continues to sweep across the United States, an increasing air of anticipation surrounds the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Ever since the first known cases of novel coronavirus were identified in Wuhan, China in late 2019, vaccine developers across the globe have been working tirelessly to find a cure for this generation's greatest disease. By November of last year, Pfizer and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines had proven to be 90 percent effective and were subsequently approved for emergency use. In December, healthcare workers were the first group

to receive doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Next, the vaccine was given to elderly individuals, individuals with high-risk medical conditions, long-term care facility workers and some educators.

One student who was able to get the vaccine early, Maya Wadhwa '23, shared her experience and thoughts: "I was really privileged to be fully vaccinated before school started because I worked at a dentist office over break, and I was really excited to get it. I felt pretty sick after the second shot, but I still think it was worth it," Wadhwa said.

Gianna Rubel '22 also got her vaccine earlier as a result of having a connection where there were ex-

tra doses that were going to be thrown out. "I would rather it not go to waste and, since everyone needs to get vaccinated anyways, I thought it was definitely the right thing to do. I've had it for a while now but I am still super careful and follow all of the guidelines," Rubel said.

The rest of the general population, including the majority of students on the University's campus, eagerly waited for their turn to get vaccinated. On Wednesday, March 31, the Pennsylvania government announced that vaccines would be available to all in category 1B, which includes all education workers and those living in congregate environments, beginning on April 5.

## What, Where, & How

There are currently three different vaccines that are approved for use to provide immunity against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)—the virus which causes the disease COVID-19. Since there was already an established body of knowledge surrounding similar SARS diseases, research for all vaccines were able to move at a fast pace right from the start. All three current vaccines have gone through Phase I and II trials as well as Phase III development; they are all approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use.

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was the first to be approved by the FDA, on Dec. 11, 2020. The Pfizer vaccine is a mRNA vaccine, meaning it uses a copy of a messenger RNA—a type of genetic material which the

immune system can later use to identify the presence of the virus. Individuals who receive this vaccine will be subject to two doses administered via intramuscular injection, spaced three weeks apart. Potential side effects include pain, redness and swelling in the arm where you got the shot as well as tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever and nausea.

The Moderna vaccine was approved by the FDA for emergency use shortly after Pfizer on Dec. 18, 2020. Moderna is also an mRNA vaccine manufactured by ModernaTX, Inc. This vaccine is also administered through injection into the muscle of the upper arm, with two doses 28 days (one month) apart. Potential side effects are similar to Pfizer's. Currently, the Lewisburg Weis, along with all other Weis stores in Pennsylvania, offer the Moderna

vaccine. Appointments can be made on their website.

The third vaccine to be approved by the FDA to prevent COVID-19 is the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, manufactured by Janssen Pharmaceuticals of Johnson & Johnson. Unlike the other two, this vaccine is a viral vector type, meaning it uses a modified version of a different virus as a vector to deliver instructions to cells. Those who receive this vaccine will receive one dose in the form of a shot also in the muscle of the upper arm. Potential side effects are comparable to the mRNA-based vaccines.

Evangelical Hospital, which is only a 10-minute drive from campus, is now taking appointments for all eligible individuals in categories 1A and 1B. Information on how to make an appointment can be found on the COVID-19 page on their website.

## Category 1B

The rest of the general population, including the majority of students on the University's campus, eagerly wait for their turn to get vaccinated. On Wednesday, Mar. 31, the Pennsylvania government announced that vaccines would be available to all in category 1B, which includes all education workers and those living in congregate environments, beginning on April 5. University President John Bravman sent an email to the student body sharing this news as well as the information that larger institutions, namely Evangelical Hospital and the Lewisburg Weis, are now listed as local providers. Bravman ended his message by reminding

Bucknellians that "the pandemic remains a serious threat" and to "remain vigilant" in our actions going forward.

One student, Renne Venico '22, shares his experience with vaccination: "Finding a vaccine appointment in the beginning was a little challenging, but it's really nice that vaccine supplies and appointments are becoming so available now. When I was talking to the pharmacist who administered my first Moderna dose, she said that everyone in the area has already gotten their vaccine or doesn't want it, so people are coming from all over the central Pennsylvania region to get them."

It is important to acknowledge the privilege that comes with being able to get the COVID-19 vaccine, and it is equally important to be conscientious about all the groups of people who need it as you think about scheduling your own appointment.

"I am happy to say I got vaccinated last week and I'm pretty impressed by the distribution of the vaccine so far. I think it's a good step in the right direction, yet I do wonder how white privilege and socioeconomic status or any other biasing factors are playing or will play into the distribution of the vaccine," Tabitha Chilton '22 said.

## The New Normal

Looking forward to next year, it is reasonable to assume that the University will require students, professors and faculty to be vaccinated before returning to campus—assuming that the FDA will approve the vaccines for general use, and that it will be available to all students either through a University-sponsored pro-

gram or otherwise.

"It sounds like more and more people are getting vaccinated on campus, which I am very excited about; it makes me very hopeful for the rest of the semester and next year," Wadhwa said. "I am happy that Bucknell is being so proactive about the vaccines. I encour-

age everyone to get it!"

"I would encourage anyone and everyone to get their vaccine as soon as they can," Venico said.

Looking forward, Rubel is "really hopeful that everyone on campus will be able to get it so that we can return to some sense of normalcy!"



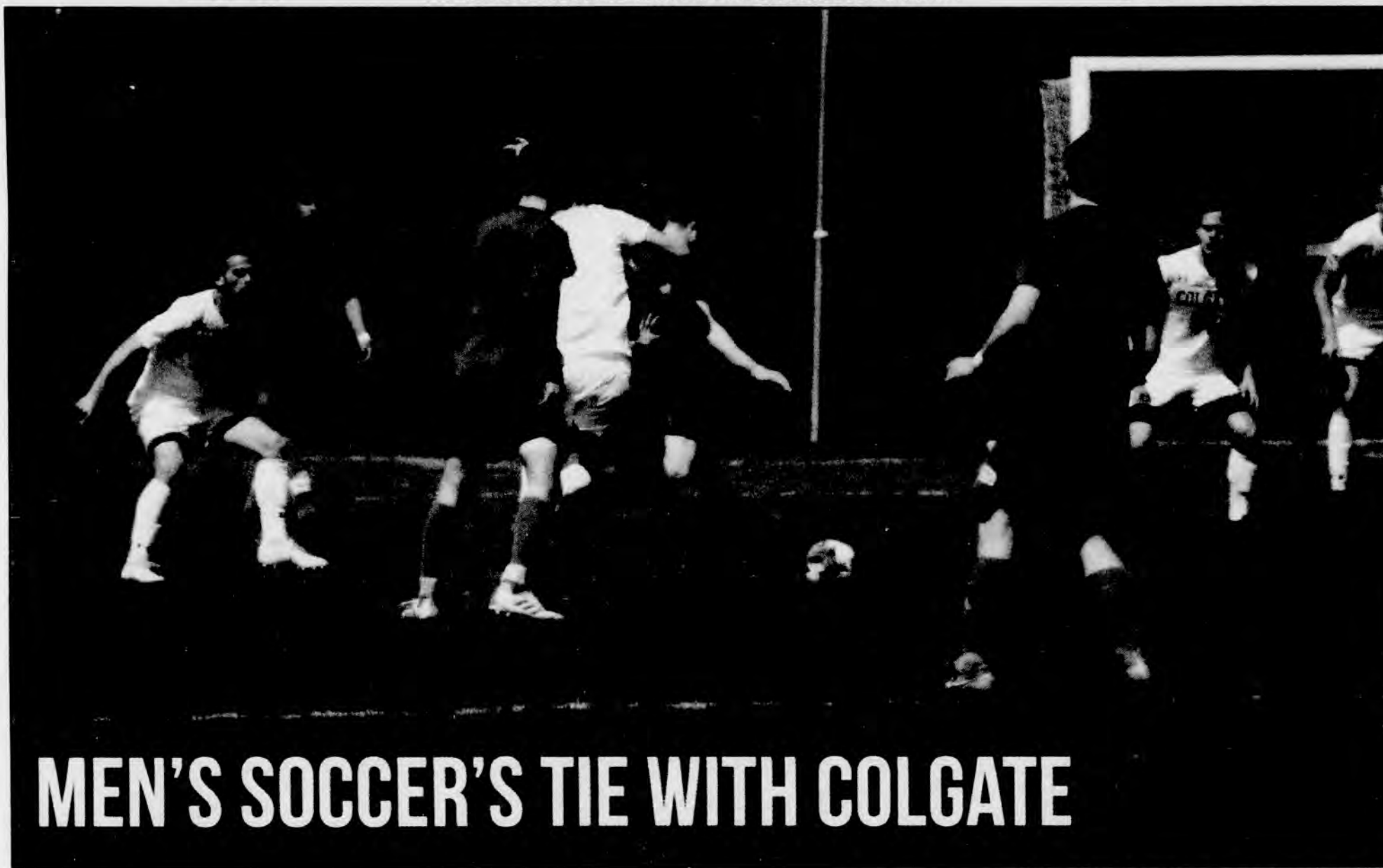


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## MEN'S SOCCER'S TIE WITH COLGATE

PHOTO BY MADIE HAMILTON | PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR  
Cody Wax '21 goes for a shot on goal against Colgate.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
@ ARMY ON APR. 9 AT 1 PM  
VS LOYOLA ON APR. 11 AT 12 PM  
**WOMEN'S GOLF**  
VS BUCKNELL INVITATIONAL ON APR. 10 AND 11 ALL DAY  
**SWIMMING AND DIVING**  
VS LOYOLA ON APR. 10 AT 12 PM  
**BASEBALL**  
VS LEHIGH ON APR. 10 AT 12 PM AND 3 PM  
@ LEHIGH ON APR. 11 AT 1 PM  
**FOOTBALL**  
VS FORDHAM ON APR. 10 AT 1 PM  
**MEN'S TENNIS**  
VS NAVY ON APR. 10 AT 1:30 PM  
VS LOYOLA ON APR. 11 AT 12 PM  
**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**  
VS COLGATE ON APR. 10 AT 3 PM  
**MEN'S LACROSSE**  
VS LAFAYETTE ON APR. 10 AT 7:30 PM  
**MEN'S SOCCER**  
VS LOYOLA ON APR. 10 AT 7 PM  
**WOMEN'S ROWING**  
VS COLGATE ON APR. 10 AT 4 PM  
**WOMEN'S WATER POLO**  
VS MICHIGAN ON APR. 11 AT 9 AM  
**TRACK AND FIELD**  
VS ARMY AND LEHIGH ON APR. 11 ALL DAY  
**SOFTBALL**  
@ COPPIN STATE ON APR. 11 AT 1 PM

Clara McCormick  
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, April 3, the Bison men's soccer team competed against Colgate Raiders in Lewisburg, resulting in a zero-goal game. Both teams were stout defensively and limited the opposing team's scoring chances. The

draw puts the Bison at 1-3-1 on the season.

Despite both the Bison and the Raiders attempting nine shots each, neither team was able to execute a successful goal.

Nevertheless, the game against Colgate was characterized by high-level performance. Bennett Schwartz '23,

earned his first career shutout, making three saves including an important save late in the match. Cody Wax '21 led the team in shots with three.

Neither the Raiders nor Bison were able to generate much offense over the course of the match. Sebastian Paz '24 had his shot blocked inside the box in the first over-

time. Matthew Owusu '24 came close to winning it for the Bison in the second overtime, but couldn't get on the end of a long ball.

"Going to the game we were going to use a new formation and knew we'd have to play very disciplined. Defensively it worked perfectly and helped us get our

first shutout this season. We definitely will be working more in front of goal so come Lovola we'll be ready to give ourselves the best chance for playoffs," Schwartz said.

The Bison will take on Loyola at home on Saturday, April 10 at 6 p.m. for their final matchup before the Patriot League tournament.

## Football punches their ticket to the Patriot League Championship

Leah Fogelsanger  
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison travelled to Goodman Stadium to take on the Lehigh University Mountain Hawks this past Saturday, April 3. The Bison were originally scheduled to play the Holy Cross Crusaders, but due to a last minute cancellation, they had to come up with a new game plan three days prior to competition. Not only was there limited time, but with Lehigh being the only other team in the southern division the Bison had a must-win game in front of them.

The Orange and Blue won the coin toss; they elected to defer the ball to the second half. From the first kickoff, it was a defensive battle. Lehigh started by driving down the field and into the Bison's red zone, but the Bison defense managed to force a field goal attempt. Lehigh's kicker shanked it wide right so the score remained 0-0.

The Bison then had their own chance to drive down the field. After turning the ball over on downs, the Bison offense managed to get into the opposition's redzone and

come away with a field goal from senior kicker Ethan Torres '21. The Bison defense managed to hold for the remainder of the half, giving Torres another opportunity to make the score 6-0 in favor of the Bison going into halftime.

The third quarter, although scoreless, was dominated by the Bison offense. The Bison came out after the half and managed to stay on the field for almost 10 minutes. The defense, well rested, was able to make short work of the Lehigh offense heading into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter proved to be a nail biter. Both teams took turns trying to drive the field and score to no avail. A key special teams turnover by linebacker Ryan Brda '21 set the Bison offense up with great field position, but the Mountain Hawks stood firm. After a failed attempt at converting a fourth and inches, the Bison turned over the ball on downs. The game would be decided by the Bison Defense. The first play of the drive was marked by a Bison sack on the quarterback from freshman defensive end Mike Bright, Jr. '24.

The following play, Gerrit

Van Itallie '21 added a sack of his own to seal the win for the Bison. Van Itallie was also recognized by STATS as an honorable mention FCS defensive player of the week.

"Well, this whole season has been crazy honestly I'm just proud of how well our guys have dealt with all of the adversity. Preparing for a season we didn't even know was going to happen all summer, fall, and this winter. All of the hard work is starting to pay off. This weekend was proof of our team's resilience. No one was ever worried when Lehigh made a play or we were backed up in our own red zone. There was a swagger and confidence that we'd lacked in the past. I'm excited to get after it these next couple of weeks and get a chance to go out on top with a Patriot League Championship with my guys," Van Itallie said.

With their win over Lehigh, the Bison punched their ticket to the Patriot League Title game against whoever wins the northern division of the league. We look forward to covering their continued success and wish them the best of luck in the Patriot League Title Game!

Justin Schaumberger  
Sports Co-Editor

## Bison excel at Happy Easter Races

Justin Schaumberger  
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's and women's track and field teams had exceptional performances at the Happy Easter Races at Lehigh this past weekend. The women's team took first overall for the second straight meet, while the men finished in second place, only a handful of points behind first place.

The Bison women dominated the competition, finishing with 224.5 points, which was over 70 points more than second-place Lehigh (153). Several Bison won their individual competitions helping the team's overall performance. In throwing, Delia Sipe '21 won the shot put competition and placed fifth in discus. Meanwhile fellow senior Dajia Misler earned points for the Orange and Blue in the shot put as well. Abby Whitaker '22 rounded out the scoring throwers as she finished fourth in shot put and sixth in discus. Nora Bennett '22 dominated the 3000m steeplechase finishing 27 seconds better than the second place finisher. Michaela Bracken '22 continued her stellar season winning her third straight 400 hurdles event. Alex Butz '21 managed to win both the high jump and tied for first place with Jennifer Scott

'23 in the pole vault. Ashlyn Ramos '22 carried over her success from the cross country season and finished in first place in the 5000.

The Bison men were unlucky not to win the competition. The Orange and Blue finished only eight points behind first-place Binghamton. The 400m race was a good one for the Bison as Alex Dessoye '21 was able to win and both Robert Dessoye '21 and Rayven Sample '24 were able to score points. Connor McMenamin '21 and Jordan Montero '21 were the other Bison winners on the day finishing first in the steeplechase and javelin respectively. The Bison also got scoring from their underclassman as freshman Matthew Perello '24 scored in both the 100 and 200.

"It is very important for everyone to help contribute in these meets, going against Army Navy and other Patriot League competition every point counts and it does not matter where it comes from," A. Dessoye said. "We are also losing a lot of seniors this year so it is important to get the younger people involved and into the feeling of scoring and placing at these meets."

Both the men and women will look to continue their success as they host Patriot League foes Army and Lehigh on April 11 in Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

## Rowing Excels in Scrimmage

Justin Schaumberger  
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison women's rowing team continued their fine up for the season with a scrimmage against Lehigh Saturday afternoon on April 3. The Orange and Blue raced very well as they continue to prepare for their season to begin.

The race was a 4x4' in the format of two sets of 2x4'. This meant that the first four minutes of each set simulated the first half of a 2000m race, while the second four minutes simulated the second half of the 2000m race.

The Bison had four boats racing and each performed well. The Varsity Eight and Second Varsity Eight finished

ahead of both Lehigh boats in all the races. Meanwhile, the Third Varsity Eight was neck and neck with the Lehigh 2V8. The Bison's 4V8 also raced well, earning competitive finishes in all their competitions.

On April 10, the Bison will look to continue their stellar performances with a race against Colgate at home at 4 p.m.

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## The golfing bison bring home second

Morgan Sohosky  
Contributing Writer

Playing a one-day, 18-hole event on April 3, the Bison men's golf team brought home a close 2nd place (287) finish at the Rolling Green Invitational. They were runner-up to the Rhode Island Rams who finished with a team score of 285. The conditions were tough on Saturday with consistent 15 mph winds and some gusts up to

30 mph. Nevertheless, they battled through to beat 11 other teams.

Blake Wisdom '23 had the best finish for the Bison with an even-par 70 on the day. According to Wisdom, the best part of his weekend was "having my friends by my side, which added an extra level of comfort to my golf game." Following for the Bison was a pair of 2-over 72s from Jack Gardner '23 and Chris Tanabe

'21. Along with this, Jason Lohwater '22 finished with a 3-over 73. Jackson Bussell '23 finished with a 8-over 78 and 14-over 84 for Josh Holtschlag '23. With the 6-play count-4 format, Bussell and Holtschlag's scores didn't count.

The Bison will travel to Villanova next week for the Wildcat Invitational. This is a two-day tournament from April 12-13 at Radnor Valley Country Club.

## Bison men's lacrosse fall on a last second goal

Laurel McHale  
Contributing Writer

The Colgate Raiders edged the Bison men's lacrosse team 10-9 with a last second goal on Saturday, April 3.

At halftime, the Raiders held a slim 5-4 lead. The Bison netted the second quarter's final two goals to draw within a single strike after falling in an early hole due to a 3-0 Colgate run. The Raiders came out of halftime hot, having scored the first two goals. After that, the Bison went on a 4-0 run from the third quarter's 7:29 mark to the fourth quarter's 10:46 mark. Their 8-7 lead was their first advantage of the contest.

Harry Wellford '23 found the back of the net for a go-ahead goal, but the Raiders evened the score at 8-8, just nine seconds after Wellford. Colgate managed to score

another goal with 3:43 left in the contest, to give Colgate a one-goal lead and spark the last minute heroics for the Bison. Shortly after Tommy Sopko '21 scored to tie the game up at 9-9, a Colgate attacker came from behind the net to score the game-winning goal with just 10 seconds remaining in regulation.

"This weekend's outcome was disappointing, but I think there is a lot to build off of from Colgate. We have four games remaining on our schedule, three of which are against Patriot League opponents. Despite our losses over the course of this season, we are both excited and thankful that we get to compete against an opponent each week, especially during a COVID-19 season," Matt Barkauskas '22 said.

Alston Tarry '22 and Sopko both saw multi-point outings for the Bison. Sopko finished with three goals and

one assist, and Tarry finished with one goal and one assist. Travis Talarico '22 filled the stat sheet with 10 ground balls, four more than his previous career high and two caused turnovers, and was subsequently named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week. Goalie Ben Clark '21 finished the contest with nine saves, and Nick Crovatto '22 went seven for 18 in the faceoff X, along with scooping up five ground balls.

Eyeing an upcoming match with Lafayette this weekend, Barkauskas said, "We're feeling confident for our game against Lafayette. It is a home matchup against a team that we are familiar with, and we are hopeful to earn our second win against a strong Lafayette program."

The Bison will host Lafayette for their first night game of the season on Saturday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

## Water Polo goes Undefeated at Mercyhurst

Anna Carroll  
Senior Writer

The Bison women's water polo team went 2-0 this past weekend against Gannon and Mercyhurst while on the road, improving to a 4-2 record this season. The Orange and Blue posted impressive margins, defeating Gannon 18-9 in game one, and Mercyhurst 15-7 in the second game of the evening.

The Bison started off the day strong against Gannon, using 12 goals in the first half to set the tone for the rest of the game. Kali Hyam '21 led the way for the Bison, contributing six goals, including two in the first two minutes of the game. After Gannon scored on a penalty shot with 3:20 left in the first, the Bison wasted no time and rattled off three straight goals from Marcella Herrera '21, Ally Furano '21 and Hyam to take a 5-1 lead at the end of the first period.

Hyam opened the next period with another goal, extending the Bison's run to 4-0. The momentum continued for the Orange and Blue, with five more goals

throughout the next six minutes. The Golden Knights managed to get one in the cage before the end of the second period, bringing the Bison to a 12-2 lead heading into halftime.

The Bison tagged on six more goals in the second half. Hyam notched a season high of six goals in the game, while fellow senior A. Furano added five of her own. Paige Furano '22, scored a hat trick, with contributions from Herrera, Bella Movnihan '23 and Emma Molaski '24 as well. Megan LaCroix '23, added seven assists in the win and Sam Gove '23 contributed six saves in the cage.

The Bison kept their momentum in their second game of the day against Mercyhurst, once again having a very strong first period. They outscored Mercyhurst 6-0 in the opening eight minutes of the game, setting the tone for their 15-7 win.

Hyam was at it again, scoring six goals for the second straight contest. However, it was P. Furano who opened the Bison's scoring on an unassisted goal early in the first period. After scoring a goal of her own, P. Furano assisted her sister A. Furano and LaCroix for the Bison's next two goals. The Bison ended the first period with a commanding 6-0 lead.

The Orange and Blue extended their lead to 8-1 into the second, and never led by less than five goals throughout the remainder of the game. It was another team effort with contributions from several players. Hyam led all scorers with six goals, A. Furano added four and P. Furano contributed three. LaCroix helped with three assists, while Herrera and P. Furano added five and seven steals defensively. With contributions all around, the Bison were able to swim away with a 15-7 victory in their second game, and a 2-0 record on the day.

"We had a great weekend of non-conference games to get us ready for the next three weekends of conference. We played really well as a team and we are looking forward to the tough games we have ahead of us," Hyam said about the weekend.

The Bison will return to Kinney Natatorium on April 11, to take on Michigan and St. Francis (Pa.) at home.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## MASON RODE '21 WOMEN'S LACROSSE



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### PROFILE

HOMETOWN: WYNDMOOR, P.A.

HIGH SCHOOL: SPRINGSIDE CHESNUT HILL ACADEMY

Holly Burns  
Senior Writer

This past weekend, the Bison women's lacrosse team picked up their second win of the season against conference rival American University. Senior midfielder Mason Rode '21 was pivotal to the team's victory, posting three goals (this being her second hat-trick in a row), eight draw controls and two caused turnovers.

Rode also added eight ground balls on the day, matching the school record. Rode is the seventh Bison to record this many ground balls in a single game, and the first since the Orange and Blue's 2019 campaign.

Rode has taken on a big leadership role for the Orange and Blue in her junior and senior seasons, after coming off the bench for her first two years with the team. Rode has logged minutes in every game so far this season and last season, and has recorded a total of eight goals.

Heading into her last season, Rode explains that spending time with her team before games is one of her favorite memories.

Rode says that she likes to "look back on pre-game moments. Over the years we have shifted pre-game traditions but

the high energy has always carried over. Games can be overwhelming and high-pressure but the team has always found a way to remind ourselves that we play best when we are loose and having fun."

Like many teams, Bison women's lacrosse has faced much adversity with the pandemic conditions, but Rode explained that she is just excited to be back and competing with her teammates.

"It has been really exciting to be back in Patriot League competition after losing league play last year. Our game preparation this season has felt very intentional. I think it has been really exciting for the seniors to see how much the team has changed over the year and how our playing style has shifted to incorporate players' talents."

Rode attributes her growth as a player and person to the competitive nature of the lacrosse program, and the positive culture of the school as a whole.

"When I came in first-year, I had a lot of older mid-fielders to look up to, and I was able to learn a lot from them over the years. It was challenging at times feeling like the youngest or the weakest, but I think it ultimately helped prepare and fuel me for competition," Rode said. "The balance between athletics and academ-

ics has really helped me grow as a person at Bucknell. Being part of a team has given me an amazing opportunity, and the lacrosse program has always supported me in academics and extracurriculars."

The mechanical engineering major is also a standout in the classroom, as she has earned Patriot League Academic Honor Roll accolades every semester. The senior plans to work at ME Engineering following graduation.

Rode and the Bison return to action this Saturday, April 10 versus Colgate at Graham Field, and hope to build off this weekend's strong conference victory.

### CAREER STATS

28 GAMES PLAYED  
4 GAMES STARTED  
8 GOALS  
1 ASSIST  
9 POINTS

## ICYMI: Women's lacrosse, softball, and men's tennis



PHOTO BY MADDIE HAMILTON | PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR  
Caroline Walsh '21 takes a shot against American.

Leah Fogelsanger  
Sports Co-Editor

### Softball:

After splitting a double header on Saturday with Holy Cross, the Bison swept the double header on Sunday to go 3-1 in the series versus the Crusaders. Catch the Bison this weekend as they play at Coppin State on Sunday, April 11 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### Men's Tennis:

The Bison clinched a big 4-1 win over Colgate this weekend in their Patriot League opener. Bison men's tennis now gears up to play matches against Navy on Saturday, April 10 and Loyola (Md.) on Sunday, April 11.

### Women's Lacrosse:

After suffering tough losses, the Bison were able to outlast American and clinched

a 17-15 victory on Saturday, April 3. The Bison now gear up to face Colgate at home on Saturday, April 10 at 3 p.m. Before their game against Colgate, the Bison will recognize their nine members of the class of 2021. The Bison seniors are Julia Bradbury, Eve Calabria, Lauren Kinnee, Michelle Melville, Lydia Morgantini, Kali Peebles, Mason Rode, Caroline Walsh and Gabby Walsh.



# BEYOND THE BISON

## SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

### Baylor and Oral Roberts: The Outliers in Cancel Culture

Kelsey O'Loughlin  
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The Baylor Bears men's basketball team won their first national title since 1948. The 73-year drought came to end in the most difficult and strenuous years for all teams across the country. Before the 2019-2020 season, the last time Baylor was a powerhouse in basketball was the 1940s with coach Bill Henderson. The program itself had "gone through the mill" in the worst circumstances imaginable; in 2003, a player murdered his teammate and the coach attempted to tamper with evidence and frame the scandal in favor of the killer. It took seven years before Baylor had its first 20-win season. The 2020 season was a huge question mark for the men

of Baylor and the most powerful thought of "what if?" Those talented underclassmen – who could have declared – stayed, and the juniors and seniors decided to stay because of the untapped potential possessed by this special group. The Bears had one lapse, falling to Oklahoma State in the Big XII tournament. After that loss, they reset and efficiently handled every opponent they faced in the NCAA tournament.

This victory was a long time coming for head coach Scott Drew. Through the early years of his tenure, which he called the "lean years," Drew went through a number of different periods to get to this point. Like all successful and great teams, those teammates went through the grunt work and built the foundation

for the 2021 squad. This team was mostly freshmen and sophomores, one fifth-year and one grad transfer. Mark Vital is a fifth-year student from Lake Charles, La. Vital was named a Big XII honoree twice and a team captain. Mark Paterson is a grad transfer from Dallas, Texas. He did not see a lot of court time but provided veteran leadership for the Bears.

Oral Roberts University's team, however, was the true Cinderella story of this year's tournament. The Golden Eagles play in the Summit League and won this year's conference tournament with a 75-72 win over South Dakota. The squad made a historical run in the tournament, defeating no. 7 Ohio State in the first round, then Florida, and unfortunately losing to

Arkansas in the field of 16 by two. The last time ORU competed in the NCAA tournament was in 2006. They faced off against Memphis and did not make it past the first round. Max Abmas was one of the shining stars for this year's squad. The Rockwall, Texas native was named the Lou Henson National Player of the Year as the best mid-major college player in the country. He earned AP All-American honorable mention recognition, led the NCAA in scoring with 24.5 points per game and is only a sophomore.

Baylor and Oral Roberts are two very different institutions. One is a power five while the other is a mid-major, one recruits McDonald's All-Americans while the other gets men who are not ranked

recruits, and one won the national title and the other made the tournament for the first time in 15 years. The common denominator between both of these schools is that they are both private, Christian schools. The core values of both schools are very similar in that they both promote using their spirit and faith-guided visions to reach for intellectual excellence through leadership. Those from USA Today and others wrote about how the Cinderella story should not be applied to Oral Roberts because of its traditional views rooted in Christianity and its policies that go against the NCAA's values of equality and inclusion, specifically regarding the LGBTQ+ community. Some believe that they should not have been allowed to compete, and that the university's guidelines contra-

vene the equality rules from the NCAA.

Both teams pray after every game, either with themselves or with their opponents. Both pray before their game as well, although unseen by the general public. Both abide by the same beliefs, which do not fall in line with today's social climate. There has never been a time in history in which people have been so unforgiving and sensitive towards each other. One wrong move, one wrong thing said or accidentally and unknowingly calling someone by the wrong pronoun can get you canceled for a long time. Both of these schools stay grounded in their founding beliefs as they do not conform to the toxic modernity of cancel culture.

### Women's soccer falls short off an early goal

Kaelyn Long  
Senior Writer

The Bison women's soccer team lost a tough 1-0 battle against the Naval Academy on a rainy Wednesday evening at Emmitt Field. The lone goal was scored just 1:52 into the game, and the Bison were unable to respond over the course of the next 88 minutes. The Orange and Blue now sit at 1-2-2 overall and 1-2-2 in the south division of the Patriot League.

"The game was hard fought. Navy caught us in a moment of disorganization and was able to put one in early. The rest of the game we were battling back but ultimately weren't able to finish. However, it was probably our team's best performance this season and something we're going

to learn from and continue to build on," Emilene Parham '22 said.

Defensively, the Bison have held strong, only allowing one goal scored against them up until this game. Navy scored quickly after the opening whistle off a header shot from a corner kick. In goal for the Bison, Kaylee Donnelly '23 got a glove on the ball, but the shot was ultimately ruled to have crossed the line for the goal.

Offensively, the Bison were able to outshoot Navy 7-1 during the rest of the first half. In the second, Alex Catanzarite '21 came up strong blocking a shot off a free kick. Alana Carlucci '22 caused some chaos to prevent a Navy goal near the left of the goal as Jenna Hall '24 came up with the save at the near post while in goal. In the final push for

the Bison, the team gave it all they had to earn the equalizer goal. Parham had a shot blocked, earning a corner kick. Jenna Marek '21 had a follow-up attempt that went over the crossbar. The final 30 seconds led to a corner kick for the Orange and Blue, but they were unable to execute in time for the final buzzer. Navy led the game in corners, with a 7-3 advantage, while the Bison finished with the 12-9 shot advantage.

After getting their game cancelled this past weekend against Boston University, the Bison look forward to their match up against the Lafayette Leopards on Saturday, April 10. This will also be a special day to honor the team's seniors: Marek, Catanzarite, Bri Kropinack, Chloe Christakos, and Sarah Hazard.

### Women's Golf places fourth at Navy Invitational

Roger Mellado  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Bison women's golf team posted a solid fourth place finish at the Navy Invitational despite the inclement weather. Friday's opening round saw temperatures in the 40s and winds gusting over 20 miles per hour, which resulted in many elevated scores. Saturday's conditions did not improve much and continued to challenge the field of players.

"This weekend was really challenging because of the wind. Playing in the wind is always one of the toughest things and it's truly the only thing that will drive scores up across the board. I think as a team we did the best we could with all of the conditions,"

Morgan Sohosky '23 said.

The Bison entered two full squads and both compiled team scores of 333 for the second day, which brought the team total to 676. The field of competitors included Delaware State, Towson and Navy. Delaware finished in first place with a 654 total score over 36 holes. Towson finished second at 660, followed by Navy (665) and the Bison (676).

Out of the field of 28 individuals, only two players broke 80 on the first day: the Bison's very own Cristina Canales '24 was one of them. Canales, who posted a 79 on Friday, finished the Invitational off on Saturday with a score of 85. When asked about her play over the weekend, Canales said, "I went in with the mentality that the less times I hit the ball, the less cold my hands

would be."

Other members of the Orange and Blue were able to better their scores from the day prior, despite the challenging weather that persisted during the second round. In total, the Bison women's golf team was able to cut 10 strokes off its first-round score.

During the second round, Erin Holmes '21 and Kelsey Yi '24 led the Bison with scores of 81 each. Canales and Casey Morrow '21 tied for fifth as they led the Bison with 164 totals for the weekend. Morgan Hennessey '22 (9th) and Holmes (10th) also finished in the top 10.

The Bison look forward to better weather conditions as they are set to host the Bucknell Invitational this upcoming weekend on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11.

### Baseball has tough weekend in Worcester

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The Bison did not have the weekend that they expected when they traveled to Massachusetts to face the Holy Cross Crusaders. In the two double headers that they faced this weekend against the Crusaders they were not able to mark a win. These four wins marked Holy Cross's first wins of the season in the Patriot League.

The first game of the double-header was Saturday and was the beginning of a tough weekend for the Bison. Unable to get the bats working, the Bison were only able to get two hits against the Crusaders from Peter Marren '21 and Logan Kellerman '23 respectively. On the mound, star senior pitcher Brendan Tuttle '21 was charged with the loss after having a tough time identifying the strike zone. The Bison dropped the first game of the series 7-0.

The second game of the Saturday double-header did not prove any better for the

Bison, even though they were able to get the bats more active. Managing eight hits but only able to bring in two batters, what really killed the Bison in game two on Saturday was Holy Cross's nine runs scored in a three-inning stretch. The highlight of this game was the solid offensive performance by Marren, who notched three hits in four at bats. In the end the Bison dropped the second game 10-2.

"We need to be better than how we performed this weekend and we all know that we can be. It's about consistently putting together a performance on the field," Marren said.

During Sunday's double-header, the Bison were unable to find any more success. In game one, a pitching battle between the two squads, Holy Cross was able to just edge out the Bison. Although Chris DiFiore '23 pitched well in his six innings, the Bison still lost to the Crusaders 2-1.

In the second game, the Bison held a 2-1 lead going

into the bottom of the ninth. This was the most confident the team had been all weekend, feeling that they were going to leave Worcester with at least one victory under their belt. This was a tough loss for the Bison mentally, as the Crusaders were able to punch in a run in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game and then add a walk off in extra innings. The Bison lost this game 3-2 and left Worcester 0-4 on the weekend.

After this weekend, the Bison sit at 5-13 on the year with a 5-9 record in conference. But with plenty of schedule remaining and a lot of talent on the team they still have an opportunity to turn it around. With 16 contests remaining on the schedule, all of which are Patriot League opponents, they should find opportunities to fight their way back into the Patriot League championship conversation. It all starts this weekend as they face a familiar foe, the Lehigh Mountain Hawks, in a three-game series on April 10-11.

### Field hockey beats Colgate

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The Bison traveled to Colgate this weekend to take on the Raiders. Mackenzie Kile '23 scored her second career goal with less than five minutes into the third quarter to seal the 1-0 win over Colgate. It was the Bison's second consecutive win, and the team now sits at 2-3 with one game left on the schedule this spring.

"Our game against Colgate was a huge team win for us. We knew it would be tough because we lost to them the first time we played them, but our goal was to outwork them and that really showed. We were very aggressive in our press and in the at-

tacking circle," Megan Keeney '21 said.

Goalkeeper Clara McCormick '23 stayed hot this weekend, blocking all five of Colgate's shots on net. The Raiders edged out the Bison 10-7 in shots, but penalty corners were even with each team earning four. The Bison finally got a pair of shots later in the second quarter — Leah Fogelsonger '21 saw a good scoring chance with under 10 seconds to play in the first half — but the Colgate goalkeeper swept this opportunity away.

Shortly after the second half started, the Bison made their way into Raider territory. A long pass deflected off Keeney found its way to Kile,

and she made this opportunity count. After this goal, the Bison defense along with McCormick stayed strong after facing three more shots in the second half and two more penalty corners.

"Moving forward, our goal is to keep connecting as a team, and we are excited to have the girls who were in quarantine back in full strength! We are hoping to get a win against Lafayette, which would help us potentially clinch a spot in the Patriot League tournament," Keeney said.

The Orange and Blue return home on April 11, as they face Lafayette for their Senior Day. The game is scheduled at 1 p.m. and will also be streamed on ESPN+



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## Three crimes for the price of one: Cuomo must resign

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Calls for New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to resign have continued with growing allegations of sexual harassment and heavy criticisms over his handling of COVID-19 in New York nursing homes. Through all of these allegations, what has become clear is that Cuomo is not a respectable leader and needs to be removed from power.

Cuomo first faced criticism for his mishandling of the coronavirus in nursing homes. He has been criticized for his inaccurate reporting on the number of COVID-19 cases in nursing homes, while simultaneously forcing nursing homes to take patients who had tested positive for COVID. His actions caused many unnecessary deaths and many individuals to lose their jobs. Cuomo's nursing home scandal can be considered an obstruction of justice, which is a punishable crime.

Amidst this scandal, at least 10 women have accused Cuomo of sexual assault or harassment over the past few years. The first woman

to come forward was Lindsey Boylan, a former aide in Cuomo's office. She shared that Cuomo had "sexually harassed her for years." Three days after Boylan reported this issue other women came forward, sharing their own stories of abuse and disrespect. Though Cuomo has apologized for ever making these women uncomfortable, he denied ever touching the accusers inappropriately and refused to resign. However, an apology is simply not enough. His actions are disgusting and should not be condoned.

Many state and federal lawmakers have called for Cuomo's resignation. Additionally, U.S. President Joe Biden shared that Cuomo should step down from his position if New York Attorney General Letitia James finds these allegations to be true. Let's be honest, resignation is not an adequate punishment; he should also go to jail. A true leader does not lie to the country to cover up unacceptable actions. In the midst of these crimes, however, Cuomo instead wrote a book, *American Crisis: Leadership Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*, detailing his suc-

cesses during the pandemic. While writing his book, the New York Post Editorial Board reported that several official aides "assisted Cuomo with drafts of *American Crisis*" despite an ethics ruling that cleared the deal only if he didn't use state resources to write it. That makes it a plain violation of state law. Many believe that Cuomo forced his staff to help him write this book with his rash and his vicious demeanor. The irony of Cuomo's position could not be clearer — while writing *American Crisis*, Cuomo was lying to the public, committing acts of sexual misconduct and violating state ethics laws.

Clear proof of a singular crime should be enough to kick someone out of office. A man like Cuomo, who has assaulted and harassed women both sexually and verbally, has lied to the country and has engaged in possibly illegal use of public funds, should be put behind bars. His behavior should not be tolerated, as he is supposed to be a leader of our country. Cuomo's actions and crimes are sickening and embarrassing. Andrew Cuomo is not a true patriot; he is a criminal.

## Reversing Trump's legacy: The Biden infrastructure proposal

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Just two years ago, U.S. President Donald Trump signed the last deals for withdrawing the United States from the Paris Climate Accord, the pinnacle of international cooperation to combat the existential threat of climate change. Of course, Trump's own convictions that climate change was "mythical," "non-existent" and an "expensive hoax" obviously did not align with the mission of the Paris Accord. Trump's anti-environmental actions and rhetoric have already posed challenges to U.S. President Joe Biden's pro-environmental agenda. Biden is working to reframe the climate narrative by proclaiming the dangers of environmental neglect and our collective responsibility to it. Fortunately, this added challenge has not stopped Biden from following through with delivering an infrastructure plan which will make the country more resilient to climate change disasters, while also remedying systemic racial inequalities.

Biden's infrastructure plan will improve the safety and efficiency of America's infrastructure. According to the New York Times, this plan's major initiatives are to rebuild 20,000 miles of

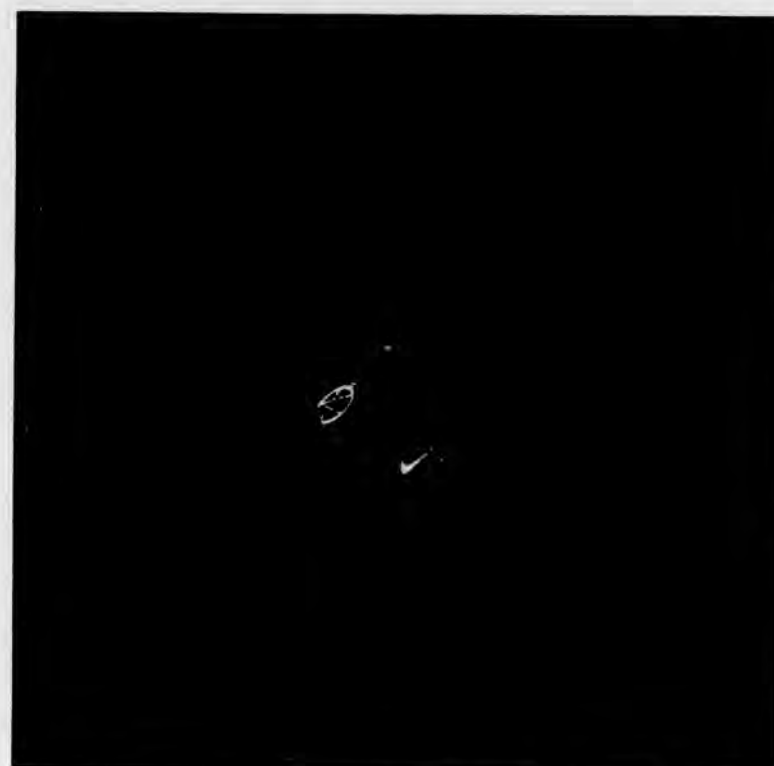
U.S. roads, repair the 10 most economically significant bridges across the United States and remove lead pipes that many still rely on for water supply; these improvements will also employ millions of people. Moreover, the infrastructure plan will help fight against climate change by implementing cleaner and safer energy sources across the country and modernize electric grids to make them more sufficient and reliable (which is partly an addition responding to the recent Texas blackouts). By ensuring everyone has safe water sources, this plan will ultimately help fight racial inequality. For example, African Americans and other minority groups live in areas (such as the infamous Flint, Mich.) that are disproportionately affected by unsafe water sources. Updating the water system will ensure everyone has access to clean drinking water.

Biden has certainly faced opposition from this enormous plan. Republicans have raised concerns about the amount of money this plan requires. However, Biden has rebutted concerns by explaining that these goals are a necessary, strong step for the country, and will positively change the country for the better. Additionally, accord-

ing to the New York Times, the spending required for this plan would cease the decades of stagnation in federal investment in research and infrastructure. Not to mention, the pandemic which has put American jobless and in financially stressful situations would provide an opportunity for many to find employment. In fact, Biden has also considered the ramifications of his plan on the oil, gas and coal industries by proposing a \$16 billion program to help fossil fuel workers shift to renewable energy work and eliminate old coal mines.

There is also criticism that this plan requires unfair taxing and many don't believe it will ever come to fruition. This hesitation coupled with financial concerns have prevented some people from seeing the importance of this plan. Not only does this plan fight climate change, but also works towards fighting racial inequalities. Everyone is entitled to clean, fresh drinking water and minority groups have faced years of unjust environmental racism. Ultimately, these plans will help rebuild America's economy and fight social issues. While it may be daunting, its intentions demonstrate an immense care for America's most vulnerable citizens.

## Lil Nas X introduces controversial "Satan shoes"



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MSCHF, an American art collective based in Brooklyn, New York, that has produced an extensive range of artwork, sneakers, social media, photographs and other products, recently teamed up with rapper Lil Nas X to produce a pair of exclusive blood-infused "Satan shoes," customized from Nike Air Max 97 sneakers. Following a lawsuit filed earlier last week, Nike initiated legal action against MSCHF to bar it from fulfilling any more orders of the sneakers. Nevertheless, MSCHF said that all but one pair of shoes have already shipped; the company's attorneys added in response to the lawsuit that "MSCHF has no intention of issuing additional 'Satan Shoes.'"

MSCHF's "Satan shoes" each sold at \$1,018 per pair, embellished with a pentagram and injected with ink as well as a single drop of blood. Nike claims that MSCHF sold its shoes us-

ing Nike branding, arguing that the shoe's devilish nature and design tarnishes Nike's brand, leading to the lawsuit. If these two parties go to court, it could set a legal precedent for the future of fashion, especially for designers who "upcycle" or consign products. If unfavorable to the art collective, this outcome could adversely affect artistic expression for years to come.

MSCHF's shoes were released simultaneously with the drop of Lil Nas X's new video for his song "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)." Mirroring the Luciferian motifs of the shoe, the music video sees Lil Nas X pole-dancing into Hell, seducing Satan and ultimately wearing the shoes himself.

The incident is not the first time MSCHF has customized Nike shoes with religious themes. In 2019, the art collective released a customized Nike shoe infused with holy water at a price of \$1,425. MSCHF accuses Nike of singling out the "Satan shoe" when they ignored

the "Jesus shoes" sale, undermining their argument that improper use of Nike branding was not the motivating factor towards lawsuit.

Through Nike's response, we can clearly see that popular or mainstream ideologies such as Christianity, observable in the "Jesus shoes" did not receive as negative a reaction as the "Satan shoes" did. This may be because non-mainstream beliefs are judged which allows people to not freely express themselves. However, artists such as MSCHF have reminded us that Satan is just as much part of the art-historical canon as Jesus. Fashion is an art form that has gone hand in hand with religion for thousands of years.

This controversy raises an important question: if holy water-infused sneakers do not receive hate when they represent the idea of spending money to "walk on water" such as Jesus did, should another religious belief and expression of craft be banned due to it going against convention?

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## Dredging: The issue we're not talking about

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What happened in the Suez Canal may seem like a long time ago at this point, but global incidents like these show the consequences of modern shipping that are normally outside common conversation. Technology is advancing faster than our environment, meaning ships are getting to the point where they are too big for our ports. Though this may not seem like a serious issue, many port cities depend on international trade to stimulate their economies, leading to campaigns to dredge harbors to attract bigger ships. The cost is staggering: severe environmental damage and hundreds of millions of tax dollars that could be used for other purposes. The worst part about this whole situation is that there is no guarantee that ships will come to a dredged port, meaning that all the added infrastructure expense was for nothing and it will likely create problems for many prominent American cities.

Dredging, simply put, is excavating material from a body of water. The practice dates back thousands

of years and has many benefits for maritime travel. In a modern context, however, dredging has become a key focal point of a larger problem, namely the growing size of ships and the ability for our harbors to handle them. As ships grow, they need more space underwater to prevent getting stuck, like the MV Ever Given in the Suez Canal. The difference between port cities and the Suez Canal is that they are not nearly as vital, meaning shipping companies have a number of options to choose from when bringing goods to the United States. Local economies receive benefits from ships doing business in their ports. Therefore, dredging is a critical practice in attracting ships and making sure container ships can fit into harbors. As said before, however, the dredging is incredibly expensive, and has no guarantee of paying off for local economies.

One can talk about cost in an economic or environmental sense. The economic risk of dredging is that there are a number of dredged ports on American coasts, meaning that ships will choose the option that makes the most economic sense. Though this is great for shipping companies, cities that

spend hundreds of millions of dollars to dredge ports will see little to no economic return if their port can be undercut by a competing city. Even if economic risks are minimal, the environmental damage of dredging is substantial, as is the case in Florida where dredging near Miami has already damaged coral reefs, putting both the ecosystem and industries that depend on them at risk. Regardless of how you decide to look at this issue, economic and environmental concerns stand as an important factor our cities need to consider when making such substantial decisions.

This issue is fundamentally difficult to give a definitive answer to. On the one hand, hundreds of millions of dollars could be used for social programs and other efforts that will help cities become more egalitarian, livable and clean. At the same time, shipping is an important source of income that could put many jobs and industries at risk if ignored by city governments. While I have no answers as to how we can collectively solve this problem, I do believe that we need to address it now before its full negative effects are realized across American cities.

## Matt Gaetz: The bearer of Trump's legacy

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In recent days, allegations against Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz have taken a central position in the media circuit. Though Gaetz vehemently denies the legitimacy of a recent Justice Department probe, accusations that the Representative violated federal sex trafficking laws by engaging in a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old girl — and paying for her to travel with him across state lines — are both angering and disturbing.

The 38-year-old Republican lawmaker, who has collected his fair share of peripheral Trump notoriety, claims that the accusations are tied to an elaborate extortion scheme, despite the fact that the investigation began under the Trump-appointed Attorney General William Barr, and is directly linked to the recent indictment of Gaetz' political ally Joel Greenberg on related charges. Recent developments have revealed that the two engaged in sexual relationships with many of the same women, whom they allegedly met online via sites such as Seeking Arrangements. The DOJ has collected text messages involving meeting places and cash amounts, as well as mobile payment receipts from both men to the involved women.

Gaetz' supporters have tied these allegations to what they perceive as an effort to tear down any sympathizers to the Trump administration. They view Gaetz as an outspoken freedom-fighter in the same vein as the former President, and the two are very much alike: Gaetz invited a right-wing Holocaust denier to the 2018 State of the Union address, and was one of

several Republicans who broke into secure briefing rooms during Trump's first impeachment. He continued to uphold the former President's mantle by defending his baseless claims of voter fraud, and was an inflammatory agent to the storming of the Capitol on Jan. 6. As such, Trump's most fanatic supporters view Gaetz as a hero, and cite the recent allegations against New York Governor Andrew Cuomo as evidence of a double-standard. This blind support indicates a major issue that has outlived the previous administration: the influence of Trump-made lawmakers remains a stain on due process in the American political system. Instead of considering the underage girl Gaetz allegedly assaulted or the other women involved, the focus remains on Gaetz and his status as a victim in a "deep-state conspiracy." This self-victimization is, at its core, an extension of the narcissism and entitlement that are the remnants of Trump's loss. Once misogynistic violence is politicized, and allegations are seen as smear campaigns on perpetrators rather than chilling accounts of real victims, it is forever desensitized to the societal mind. The Trump entity has adopted a victim mentality, and thus every accusation is part of a master plan to derail what they see as real patriotism. Reason would dictate, however, that a nation in which exploitation and assault are normalized and justified can never fulfill this goal.

It is crucial to remember that Gaetz is not a victim, just as Cuomo, Brett Kavanaugh and Trump are not victims. For too long, crimes against women and exploitation of their bodies have become political instruments

rather than what they are: the result of a violently misogynistic society in which vile character is excused and equality has never existed. The Trump mindset and its dedication of bigotry is threatening to the lives and autonomy of women and minorities, and will continue as long as it lingers in the minds of those whose prejudice is legitimized by a populist celebrity and the breakdown of factual reasoning.

As far as the progression of the DOJ's investigation, there is certainly ground to be covered in the coming days. It is important to note, however, that Gaetz was never keen on promoting justice; in 2017, he was the only member of Congress to vote against an anti-sex trafficking bill, citing concerns over governmental centralization. While logic would determine that the government is the perfect entity to fight the illegal sexual exploitation of women and children, Gaetz continues to victimize himself, to the point of roping in his allies.

In an interview with Fox News host Tucker Carlson, Gaetz claimed that he and a "friend" had gone to dinner with Carlson and his wife about two years ago — within the timeframe of the allegations being brought against the Congressman. Gaetz continued on to admit to providing hotel rooms and travel for sexual partners, whom he insisted were of legal age. While the result of this admission remains to be seen, one fact is resoundingly clear: if Democrats are trying to rake such an upstanding patriot through the mud, they may want to check their resource allocation, as it appears Gaetz is fully capable of destroying his own unremarkable career.

## George Floyd: More than just a number

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It is essential to acknowledge the limits of our perspectives before we express our opinions about the trial of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer who killed George Floyd in May 2020. We experience life through the eyes of the inherently privileged — one writer being fully white, the other being biracial but entirely white-presenting. As individuals who are tethered to these perspectives, and who only know this case through news articles and sympathy, it is impossible for us truly understand the Black experience in America. Nonetheless, we are appalled, disgusted and horrified by ongoing attacks against the community.

The brutality used against George Floyd is not up for debate — it is an undeniable fact that he was murdered in a racially perpetrated, senseless act of violence. However, the manner in which his case is being represented must be criticized. Floyd is not being treated as a human being. Instead, he is being depicted solely as a low-life opioid addict who tried to use a fraudulent twenty dollar bill. The trial has turned a living, breathing man — who had his own share of struggles, successes and strife as all of us do — into three numbers: 8 minutes and 46 seconds.

There is a consistent pattern of dehumanization that is commonly perpetuated throughout these proceedings. It is seen in the way in which Tamir Rice was suddenly painted not as a child of only 12 years of age, but a thuggish and threatening man. The way in which Eric Garner was no longer a beloved father figure and member of his community, but instead a repeated criminal whose prior arrests were emphasized in

the hearings with far more weight than his humanity. The way in which Breonna Taylor was not sleeping peacefully, but was involved in a highly illegal narcotics operation conspiracy.

The stories of these lives lost are never told with an emphasis on their roles as loving spouses, devoted parents and adored children, but by accentuating the potential that they were at the very least suspicious, if not entirely guilty. This a consistent pattern, and a week into the trial of Chauvin, nothing seems to have changed.

With each passing day of the trial, Floyd's life slowly becomes lost in the sea of evidence and blatant attempts to shift a narrative that he never had control of to begin with. The opening statements not only drew the battle lines between the prosecution and defense, but additionally laid out the argumentative expectations for the remaining weeks of the trial. March 29, the first day of the trial, was the only one that seemed to truly remember the existence of Floyd as anyone more than a man attempting to buy cigarettes at the Cup Foods corner store.

Three witnesses took the stand on Monday to recall their shared trauma that stemmed from witnessing the horrific acts. On Thursday, Courteney Ross expressed her absolute devastation at losing the 46-year-old father of five, who had been her partner of three years. Sadly, these individuals were the only ones who humanized Floyd and brought to life the individual that was lost beyond the courtroom.

It can be somewhat expected that prosecution should emphasize the humanity of the victim while defense continually focuses on Floyd's drug abuse. However, this does not justify the abhorrent manner in which the defense team has worked to justify Chauvin's actions through the evidence that has been presented.

The lead defense attor-

ney, Eric Nelson, used his statement to review Floyd's initial autopsy. He provided a detailed account of how Dr. Andrew Baker, Hennepin's chief medical examiner, did not see the "tell-tale signs" of asphyxiation, then promptly followed up by emphasizing the levels of methamphetamine and fentanyl in Floyd's blood. The defense refers to Floyd's body as "compromised" prior to Chauvin's actions and makes every attempt to detach itself from the heart-wrenching reality of the video. The defense is not walking the line between humanity and case evidence, but completely transgressing it in an attempt to reduce Floyd to just another junkie who overdosed.

There is a clear pattern of dehumanization that is perpetuated throughout these proceedings. Time and time again, Black people are senselessly brutalized and stripped of all humanity on the national stage. Time and time again, we have waited with bated breath for a verdict — any slight indication that the justice system could redeem itself and live up to its name. And time and time again, we have watched the killers walk free, an undeniable and oppressive proclamation that in the eyes of America, Black lives are dispensable. What message does that send to the Black community of America? It is a tiny death each time — an excruciating and constant reminder that ultimately, their perception as individuals is overwhelmingly dictated by their physical appearance and their bodies, and that their autonomy as citizens is subject to breach at any given moment.

Floyd was many things: a kind-hearted individual, a dependable friend and a man loved and admired by all. He was not just a body, a statistic or a story. He was a complex and beloved human being, and to merely remember him in the way he died only serves to vastly discredit everything he lived for.



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## WRAPPING UP WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH THIS YEAR & LOOKING BACK

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As March comes to an end, the University wraps up Women's History Month celebrations. With this, we reflect on how this month came to celebrate women, its importance given the significant strides in recent times and how the University celebrates and regards women—in March and every day.

### The History behind Women's History Month

The month-long celebration originated from a week-long holiday back in 1978 where the school district of Sonoma, Calif. would hold events celebrating women and their contributions to history, society and so much more. This week consisted of a presentation given

at the school, an essay contest surrounding the importance of female role models and a parade held in the downtown area.

As more and more communities started to follow this example and hold their own "Women's History Week," U.S. President Jimmy Cart-

er finally declared the first official Women's History Week in 1980 during the week of March 8. The following year, Congress passed a resolution that ultimately established this as a national celebration. However, the efforts to make sure women and their roles were properly recognized were

not enough. Eventually, the National Women's History Project was able to petition Congress to dedicate the entire month of March to women's history in 1987. March has since been an established time to reflect on important female role models throughout history as well as in our own lives—

### Women in 2021

Although the past year did have some monumental milestones for women—such as the United States electing the first-ever female Vice President, Time Magazine's first ever kid-of-the-year which featured young women in science and the

many women stepping into leadership roles to battle the COVID-19 pandemic — there is undoubtedly much work to still be done to combat the sexist tendencies ingrained in our society. Females still experience high rates of sexual violence,

are still denied basic healthcare treatments and are paid less than men on average. It is reasons such as these, and so many more, that Women's History Month is so important and must continue to be commemorated. Beyond that, the

thinking and attention that comes with this month should exist every month and more.

Furthermore, in light of recent violence against the Asian American women, it is even more important now than ever to remain vigilant

### Women at the University

With the University's student population being more than 50 percent female and the gender demographics of professors featuring a notable number of females (although the majority is still male), Women's History Month and the broader issue of women's rights is prevalent on our very own campus.

One way in which the University dedicates itself to its female community members is through the Women's and Gender Studies major and minor, which promotes the education and knowledge of womanhood, and all the issues that surround it, itself. Since the Women's and Gender Studies program was created, it has created many of the most popular courses and events on campus. Many of these courses are cross listed in the Humanities, English, Philosophy, Psychology, Political Science, Religion, Anthropology, Geography and even Economics departments to further highlight the intersectionality of such topics.

This past Monday, the first session of the Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) Student Speaker Series took place; three seniors presented their work on the following topics: "Gender Based Discrimination at Bucknell University," "A Contempo-

rary Understanding and Analysis of Interpersonal Violence" and "Diabetes Disparities." Be sure to look out for the upcoming sessions in this series to support fellow students and learn from their work in Women's and Gender Studies.

Meredith Sullivan '21, one of the seniors who presented her work in the WGS series, proudly said, "The Women's and Gender Studies department has shaped me into the strong feminist I am today. Through the different courses offered and the support from my professors, I have learned to think critically about how the world around me and how I can make the world a better place."

One Women's and Gender Studies and Psychology double major, Madison Lance '22, explained what Women's History Month means to her: "It is a time of appreciation in which I am refueled on the countless feminist that never gave up. The inspiration that comes from acknowledging women's work is invaluable to future endeavors."

Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Erica Delsandro, states, "When I think about Women's History Month this year, I have mixed feelings." She goes on to explain her conflict surrounding women's current place in society: "There is a

woman of color in the position of Vice President of the United States and at the same time AAPI women are violently targeted, trans women are the focus of many discriminatory bills in states across the country, women and marginalized folks are experiencing extreme harassment and sexualized violence and women (and caregivers of all genders) are feeling the increased, pandemic-derived burden of domestic and familial responsibilities on one hand and professional precarity on the other." Essentially, there is "much to celebrate and much to still fight for."

Delsandro also provided some context on why there was a lack (or more so a complete absence) of University events to celebrate the month on campus this year. On the academic side, this is due to the fact that the Director of the Women's Resource position is currently empty. From 2017 to last year, Kelsey Hicks had fulfilled this role. In past years, the Women's Resource Center (WRC) has "hosted exhibits or timelines, events or book clubs, and even encouraged a social media campaign of sorts (post your favorite women in history, or something like that)," Delsandro said. "Some years there has been a speaker, too."

This being said, the fact that no

academic department held a single event to specifically commemorate Women's History Month could be telling about how where we are as a community.

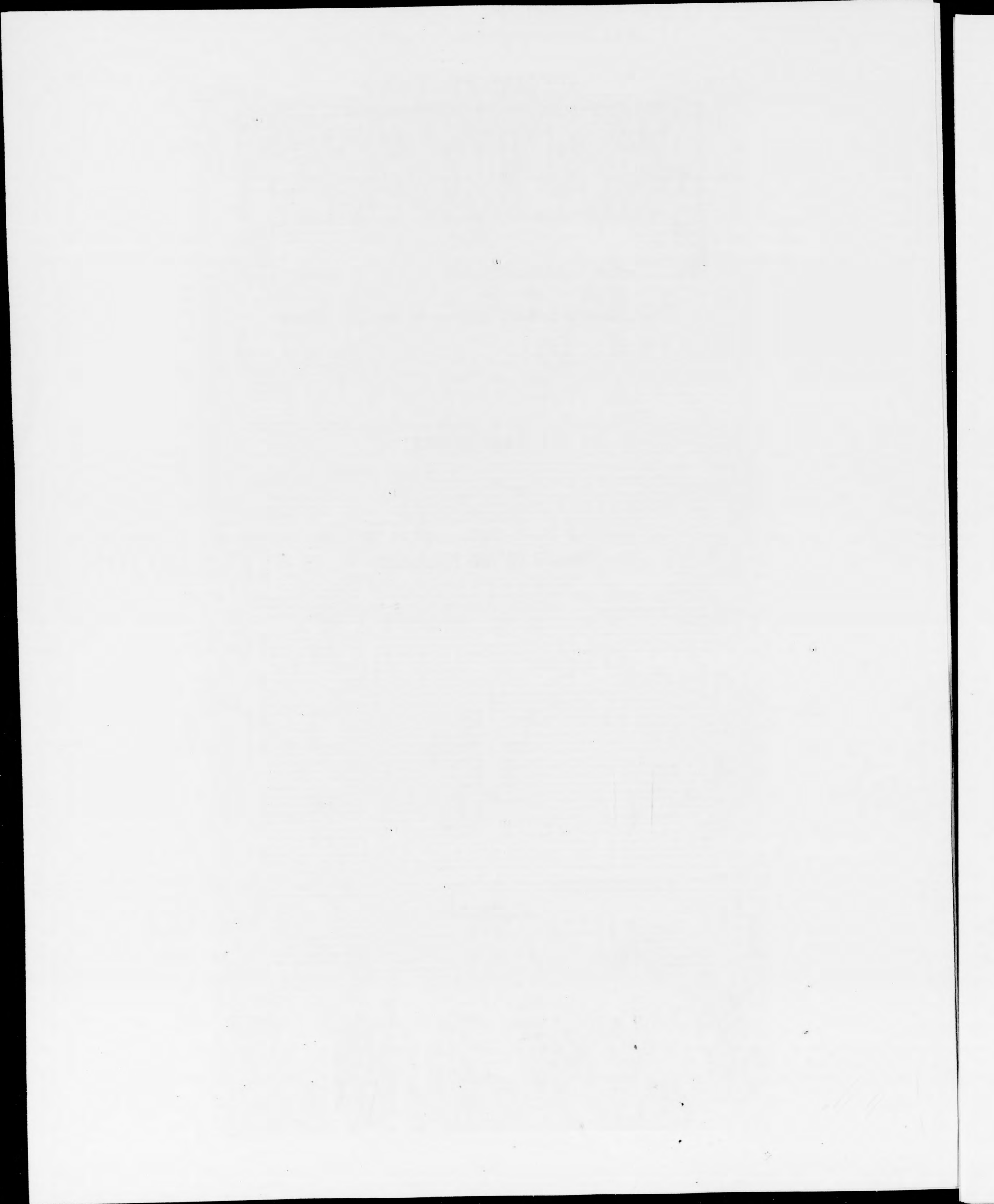
Beyond the WGS department and the WRC, there are many individuals — both students and professors — on campus who foster the attitude that Women's History Month is meant to highlight. Associate Professor of Mathematics Lara Dick reflects on what the month means to her as a woman in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). "For me, Women's History Month is a reminder to be thankful for growing up surrounded by strong women role models." She goes on to share: "For undergrad, I attended a women's college. It wasn't until I entered my masters program that I realized just how different my experiences in STEM classes had been because I had taken them all with other women. I believe women can become anything they want and that we should fight to push back barriers that seek to box us into gender roles." Dick concludes with the sentiment that "Women's History Month is a time for us to tell our stories and to highlight the stories of those who have come before us making the way forward just a bit easier."

### Reflection

"As we reflect on the end of Women's History Month, I am inspired by the accomplishments of so many women who are trailblazers, as well as the incredible work being done by women here on Bucknell's campus," Sullivan said. She also shared that "The Bucknell Student Government Advocacy Committee held several snaptalk events with professors who are trailblazers in their fields and on campus. As a young woman about to enter the workforce, it was inspiring to hear the advice and experiences of these incredible professors." She is not alone, as all young women within the University community are pursuing not only careers but also full lives in the world—and, in doing so, they are growing the definition of "woman."









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Students enjoy the nice weather and take advantage of the time spent outside with friends in a COVID-safe way.

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The University is in bloom! During a short walk around campus, one can observe the emerging flowers and fresh grass. As the weather becomes warmer, more and more students are also utilizing outside spaces to study and eat. The opportunity to gather outdoors

has afforded students with a fun and safe way to socialize and enjoy the weather. Many students are excited about the change of season, as it affords a healthy dose of fresh air and sunshine.

A favorite study spot seems to be the academic quads. "I love working outside, especially on the quad. It's nice to be surrounded by others and see everybody

else doing work outside," Nicole Donnelly '24 said.

Similarly, older students are seeing the opportunities to work outside as a sign of the campus reverting back to normalcy. "Being able to study outside has completely uplifted my mood. Seeing everyone on the quad in their individual groups reminded me of pre-COVID times and I'm so excited to be able to go

outside and socialize again!" Susie Williams '23 said.

Students are also finding that the warm weather is having a positive impact on their mental health. Salina Musvaju '24 describes the fresh air as "a pleasure. Working outside during pleasant weather has improved my productivity and mood. It is especially fun to work on my geo assign-

ments outside during pleasant days, which makes it feel more rewarding."

"With the weather getting nicer, it is great to have the option to take a zoom call outside or sit on the quad with friends and get some work done," Olivia Butler '24 added.

Additionally, the warm weather has made campus

## Major requirement changes

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Contributing Writer

The University's Biology and English-Creative Writing departments have made a number of changes to their major curriculum.

The Biology department has developed a new set of classes to help engage first year students with other students in their major and to foster their problem solving and hypothesis-driven experimental design skills. The new curriculum includes new classes such as Biology 201 and Biology 202, which focus on critical thinking and laboratory skills, respectively. These classes will be reserved for Animal Behavior, Biology, Cell Biology/Biochemistry and Neuroscience majors. One of the main goals for this new curriculum is to demonstrate that different disciplines in biology are not exclusive from

each other.

This change does not affect students who are currently Biology or Biology-affiliated majors unless they have taken the courses out of order of the current curriculum. Next semester will be the last semester Biology 205 (Introduction to Molecules and Cells) and Biology 207 (Genetics) is offered. The spring semester of 2022 will be the last time that Biology 208 (Principles of Ecology and Evolution) is offered. Biology 206 (Organismal Biology) will no longer be offered after this semester.

"I am very excited about these new changes. We have been developing this new core sequence for many years and we feel it is coming just in time to help ease the transition to our Biology and affiliated majors for the incoming class that has been so heavily affected by the pandemic," said Professor

## "Certainly bad optics": Amid University-wide cutbacks, upper administrative salaries stay high

Kaitlin Bonacci, Jess Kaplan, Griffin Perrault, and Jaxon White

In March of 2020, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic wrought irreparable damage on university finances—at large and small, public and private institutions alike—who then had to make deep, abiding cuts to close widening budget shortfalls. The University campus was not immune to these budget cuts, while it has not laid off or furloughed any professors, and has given many the option to work from home, the University has imposed stopgap measures (such as hiring freezes, deferring building renovations and reducing operating expenses) while substantially restricting campus activities to mitigate the economic and human ramifications of the pandemic.

Over a year later and with two and a half semesters of the pandemic learning, this "rhetoric of austerity," according to several faculty sources, has continued to suffuse internal University conversations. "Faculty and staff have had two years without cost of living increases in pay. We have watched our academic programs suffer from understaffing. Salary freezes have eliminated nearly an entire four-year merit-cycle for certain faculty, leaving productivity in teaching, scholarship, and service unrewarded. All at a time when tuition continues

to rise, and staff face likely cuts in benefits," wrote Professor of English Michael Drexler, Associate Professor of Anthropology Clare Sammells, Professor of Art History Roger Rothman and Professor of Education Sue Ellen Henry in a Mar. 30, 2021 email to the Faculty Council.

According to professors, these new cuts have fallen particularly hard on the College of Arts and Sciences—long a victim of relatively declining investment and interest even before the onset of COVID-19. "I heard a really discouraging piece of news today," Professor of English Michael Drexler shared with The Bucknellian in a recent interview. "Of new sophomores declaring [any] humanities majors, there's only 95. When I started here in 2003, we were getting 50 new English majors each sophomore class."

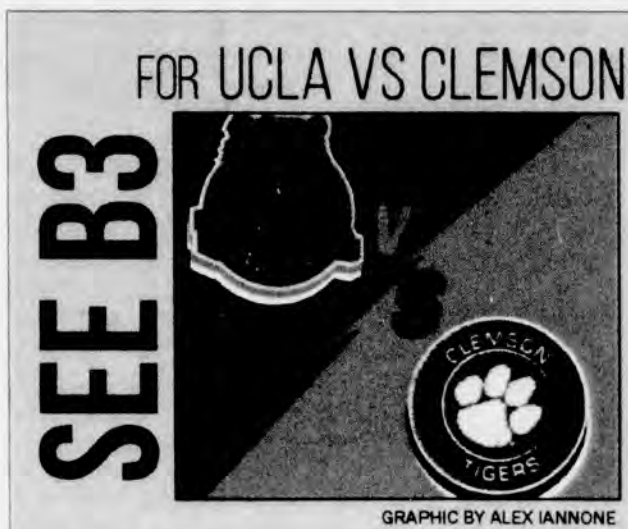
Yet as departments across the curriculum languish amid cutbacks and generalized lack of resources, faculty argue, one expense has escaped such reductions almost unscathed: the president's salary. "It now takes twenty full-paying students to cover [the President's] total compensation," the letter states. Even with the 20% summer-period pay-cut, President Bravman's overall salary constitutes "nearly nine times the average Bucknell Full Professor's compensation. Unsurprisingly, he remains one of

the top paid university executives in the country."

The President's salary, of course, is not simply set according to his own preference, according to Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo. "[t]he Board of Trustees sets the president's compensation, which includes an annual salary, non-annual performance-based and contractual supplemental payments," and other benefits associated with the position. Ferlazzo also elaborated on the decision-making process that resulted in the salary increase, noting that "[t]he Board's methodology includes an analysis of data from organizations that have similar jobs and levels of complexity, length of service compared to national norms, and other performance metrics."

In an interview with The Bucknellian earlier in the month, Associate Professor of Anthropology Clare Sammells emphasized the distinction made by Ferlazzo, adding that steadily increasing administrative pay is an established trend at many institutions across the country. "I worry that people will see this as something to do with John, while really this is a problem being faced in many higher education institutions," she noted.

Professor of Education Sue Ellen Henry acknowl-



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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Jaxon White  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

The British Royal Family announced that Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, passed away at the age of 99 on April 9, 2021. Prince Philip is survived by Queen Elizabeth II and their four children.

Hideki Matsuyama has won the Masters Tournament, making him Japan's first man to win a golf major. Matsuyama finished 10-under, 278. Matsuyama said that "Up until now, we haven't had a major champion in Japan, and maybe a lot of golfers or younger golfers, too, thought, well, maybe that's an impossibility." He followed up by saying, "But with me doing it, hopefully that will set an example for them that it is possible and that, if they set their mind to it, they can do it too."

## DOMESTIC

Secretary of State Antony Blinken has announced that the United States will coordinate with NATO allies to withdraw all U.S. military personnel from Afghanistan. Currently, the United States has roughly 2,500 soldiers in Afghanistan. President Joe Biden has stated that all troops will be brought home by Sept. 11, 2021 to mark the 20th anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan.

Extremely rare but lethal cases of blood clots have forced U.S. health authorities to recommend a pause of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Medical personnel in the United States emphasize that the Pfizer-bioNTech and Moderna vaccines have proved safe so far, and still encourage populations to take those vaccinations when their opportunity presents itself.

## "Plan Ahead"- A new fall registration feature

Kaya Schuster  
Contributing Writer

It's April, class registration arrives, and plans for a new semester approach. You stare at the clock awaiting your designated registration time — only to miss out on classes you were looking forward to taking, despite beating the deadline! To avoid the anxiety and chaos of class registration, the University is instituting a new and improved course scheduling system to be set in motion for the Fall 2021 semester.

Intended to take some of the stress off student registration, this new Plan Ahead feature allows students to build up to five tentative schedules so that they are prepared

with alternate options in the case that course sections fill up during their registration time. When it's time to register, students can add their planned schedules all at once with just one submission. Once the schedule is submitted, the system will check to ensure the courses are available and the student meets any prerequisites or other course restrictions. If unable to add all the courses in their first plan, students can resubmit a second plan until they reach the desired amount of courses. Both the Plan Ahead and Registration screens will display the classes in a calendar view, giving students a visual display of potential schedule conflicts.

"I would imagine stu-

dents with multiple labs or recitations will find this particularly useful. In the past students have used third-party websites to build their schedules. Since these sites are not affiliated with Bucknell, they often had outdated course information and this led to confusion for students. Our tools use real time data so students are always seeing the most accurate information," Associate Registrar Melissa Weber said.

Students will access this new feature through MyBucknell under Web Tools for Students. From this page, students can access the registration times, their academic progress report, the overload and underload request form, the waitlist form, and other

useful links. "We hope that having links to all the registration-related information in one place will make things easier for students," Weber said.

Along with Plan Ahead, the University is offering another new registration feature, Conditional Add Drop. Weber explains that "when the Conditional Add Drop box is checked, a course that is marked drop/delete will be removed only if the newly entered course is successfully registered. If the new course does not work, then the original course will remain registered. This allows students to try other courses without losing their spot in the original course they have signed up for."

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fessor of Biology and Department Chair Ken Field. "These new classes will give Bucknell students a more supportive transition to our rigorous curriculum and also provide a more integrated perspective on the discipline of Biology."

The English department has also made some changes to its Creative Writing major. The Creative Writing major will continue to require nine credits, but the types of courses required have changed slightly. Creative Writing students will be required to take less literary studies courses and instead they will take a new Literary Ethics course. These Literary Ethics courses aim to bridge the gap between creative writing and real-world issues. One potential new class under the new Literary Ethics requirement would be a class on how writ-

ers challenge the status quo and how this impacts and makes a difference in the world. The goal of this change is to help students become better writers both on paper and in the world by creating environments that are inclusive and encourage students to have conversations about their creative work.

For students who are currently Creative Writing majors they will have the option to either continue with the previous major requirements or transition into the new requirements for the Creative Writing major.

"We think this growth in the idea and practice of Creative Writing at Bucknell will enhance the presence and effectiveness of the English Department as a whole," Director of the Creative Writing Department Chris Camuto said.

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life more enjoyable for athletes who practice outdoors. Lea Codispot '24, a rower on the women's novice team, commented, "Having the chance to practice on the river is a great way to get away from my work, break up the day, and enjoy the outdoors

while getting exercise and working hard with the team."

Also, Colby Grimes '24, an athlete on the football team says, "having a Spring season this year was definitely a challenge, but we are just glad we get the chance to play given the pandemic."

## PRESIDENT BRAVMAN

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edged that much of the trepidation about the raise owes to its rather unfortunate timing—specifically, that it came at the same time as a number of "austerity" measures imposed on faculty and staff. "The timing is certainly bad optics, you cannot cut departmental and program budgets by 5% and then increase the president's salary in such a substantial manner. If money was flowing in and everyone's boats were being raised in the harbor then one would expect admin[istration] salaries to rise as well, but that does not seem to be the case," she observed.

The phenomenon at the University is a microcosm of a larger national trend in higher education, which conceptualizes education as fundamentally preparation for employment. In the process, universities tend to depreciate those experiences—like many of those offered in the College of Arts and Sciences—which don't measurably increase the student's labor-market value. Across the country, this managerial mindset has resulted in declining enrollment, department cuts and greater emphasis on high-return fields such as business and engineering. The precipitous rise in tuition over the past decades and resultant student debt crisis is one manifestation of this trend. "This isn't just about Bucknell. We have to be concerned about our own community, colleagues and students, but we also have to look at this in the context of what is happening in higher education more generally," Sammells

acknowledged.

Despite these persistent problems, Sammells argues, it is certainly possible for the University to emerge from this quagmire by seriously reflecting on how it values faculty and staff, as well as the investment and hiring practices which embody those values. To help facilitate this reflection, Sammells is asking faculty and staff to provide information on their yearly compensation. She hopes this effort will encourage greater pay transparency at the University, "with better information we can all as a community look at this straight on [to] see what that inequality looks like and hopefully do something to rectify it," she shared.

The current disagreement strikes right at the heart of the University's liberal arts philosophy. The current arrangement affords precipitously higher raises to upper administration while undervaluing (at times even eliminating) crucial resources for faculty to deliver a quality educational experience. On the other hand, it is certainly possible for universities to meaningfully compete by reinvesting in its academic functions, and by ensuring that teachers and staff are paid consistent with their contributions to the campus community. "Who knows, maybe we can be a model for how to do this better?" Sammells noted towards the end of our interview, flashing a brief smile. "How great would that be?"

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## Campus GPA skyrockets after library cafe puts Adderall in coffee

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Students at the University are tired and worn down as they near the end of the spring semester. Only a few weeks of class remain, and a lot of students are struggling to maintain their motivation and grades with the lack of spring break.

Last week, however, the campus-wide GPA rose to a 3.9, a shock for professors in all three colleges, especially given the unusual campus climate.

This drastic increase in grade point averages coincidentally takes place less than a few days after the library's cafe introduced a new coffee beverage. The new beverage, "Liquid Productivity," sports an extra shot of espresso and a pinch of Adderall.

"Yeah, I actually didn't realize there was Adderall in it at all, but now I'm feeling super hyped up. I actually just finished my entire week's homework today in the two hours I've been here. I might run home with my backpack on, I have so much energy. Maybe I'll run home and back and then do next week's homework. I'm bouncing off the walls here," Ty Red '23 said.

It's important that you are careful with your caffeine intake as well as monitor your Adderall intake. It's recommended that you don't drink more than one "Liquid Productivity" a day, because you can put yourself at risk for heart issues.

"I am much more worried about my grades than possible heart issues," Addy Raul '22 said. "At least if I have heart problems I won't have to do homework."

In conjunction with the skyrocketing overall average GPA, apparently some students are using their newfound bursts of productivity to construct and paint intricate die tables, which are being displayed in the backyard of each fraternity house. It's also rumored that someone went through the entire library and organized each book by "best-looking author." Not to mention that the bison statue displayed in front of the KLARC has been painted a hyper-realistic blue-and-orange sweater vest with white trim.

The library cafe has declined to comment on the situation in the midst of course registration for the fall.

## University survey shows 74% of students are liars



GRAPHIC BY JAMES HOWE, GRAPHICS ARTIST

Elyssa Penson  
Staff Writer

Shocking new data compiled from campus surveys — in which professors and Public Safety officers were peering over students' shoulders during the entirety of their answering process — show that 74 percent of students drink once a month, or less, or half as much or not at all. In addition, results from the University's recent survey show that 90 percent of college students refuse to take surveys, but assure readers that this sample size is still accurate and trustworthy. Furthermore, 86 percent of those students willing to complete the survey admitted to reading the questions some of the time, half of the time or not at all.

After extreme and unwarranted backlash regarding the surveying process, the University has asked students to compile their own statistics on campus life. This initiative has generated a wealth of useful information. For example, did you know that 47 percent of

students have studied abroad? Meanwhile, that number skyrockets when inquiring which students are aware of study abroad as 100 percent of the friends of those foreign travelers have heard about it. Or, that 23 percent of students travel to class via rollerblade, vespa, or motorized skateboard? And a mere 68 percent of students laugh when they wipe out.

Interestingly, only 22 percent of students admit to falling asleep in class, but that's just because they got caught snoring or drooling on a desk. The average class size is 20 students, with a 9:1 student to faculty ratio. That's nearly two and a quarter professors teaching one class. Also, a whopping 100 percent of classes are taught by faculty. That's zero percent more than you'd think it would be!

These findings prove to be useful to the student body as a whole, and the University administration is excited about their new initiative to cover every public campus space with fun infographics of this report.

## Hook-up culture do's and don'ts

Sarah Petnuch  
Staff Writer

Hookup culture is one of the most difficult things to navigate in college. The amount of unwritten rules that come along with it are insane. But no need to worry, I'm here to help you out.

DISCLAIMER: your participation in said hookup culture is entirely up to you. Do as much or as little as you want; there is no judgement here. Take this advice with a grain of salt. Also 'ray consent.

Rule #1: You better not be there when the sun comes up.

Unless this person is your significant other, you better be up and outta there the moment you awaken, which needs to be as early as possible. There is nothing more annoying than a guy still hanging around your room when you're trying to get ready for brunch with your homegirls. As painful as that walk of shame is, it has to be done. The earlier the better, and the less people will be out and about that could see you. Consider yourself a vampire.

Rule #2: Do not give your partner a hickey the day before his/her parents visit.

The opinions on hickies vary from person to person. Some see it as a badge of honor, like "yeah I did that." Others are embarrassed, feeling as though last night's decisions are being exposed to the world. But, there is a certain group of people that all have the same opinion on hickies, and those people are parents. And there is nothing quite like waking up with a fat hickey on your neck the day they are visiting. It will inevitably

give you war flashbacks to freshman year of high school. Your friends are clowning you, your sister is constantly checking to make sure it's still covered up — it's a whole ordeal. If you ever find yourself in such a situation, just know that that light green blemish-covering makeup works WONDERS. If all else fails, swear on your life that it was a hair straightener.

Rule #3: Feelings — Avoid Them.

The final, and arguably most important, rule is to never, ever, under any circumstances, catch feelings for your hookup. Never ever. You need to go into this hookup as if it is a business transaction (a mutual and fully consensual one, of course). Nothing more than a simple trade of resources. Get in, do what you need to do and get out. Keep the cuddles to a minimum. And the giggling. And if you pause and smile at each other? It's basically game over. Avoid that at all costs. Now, that being said, of course still be respectful and understanding of each other's boundaries, but it is absolutely crucial that you keep them at an arm's length. Also, there is no need to share or ask about personal information because that will only do damage and chances are you will never see this person again anyway. Or you will see them way too much. We're looking for a happy medium here, folks.

Now like I said before, take all this information with a grain of salt. It's just satire for crying out loud; all jokes here. Just remember to be safe, respect boundaries and most importantly: have fun! But not too much.)

## College woman cool with sexism when benefitting her

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When it comes to sexism, Grace Girlboss is always completely, unequivocally opposed, approximately 75 percent of the time. Reporters became increasingly interested in Girlboss's feminist ideals, as she has become a role model to young girls in the area after sharing that GIF of Nancy Pelosi ripping up Donald Trump's State of the Union Address with the caption "yassss queen!!!"

After showing off her GRL PWR tattoo to reporters, Girlboss explained that she is a staunch feminist who doesn't need a man. The only exceptions come when she is tasked with traditionally male tasks, some of which include taking her car for an oil change, carrying a cooler down to the beach, mowing the lawn, paying for dinner, grilling any type of meat and killing a bug.

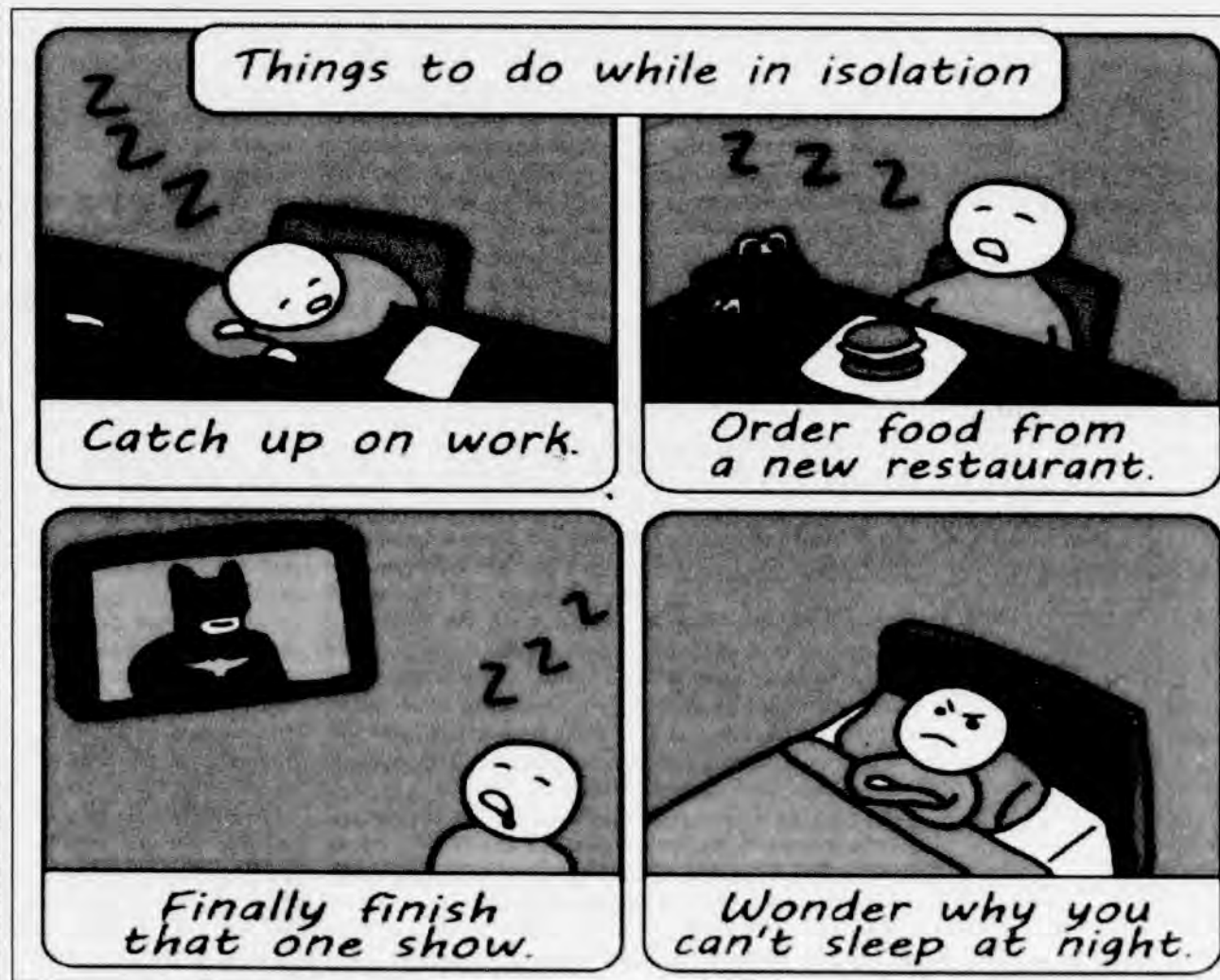
When asked about the contradictory nature of her expectations of men, Girlboss became defensive with reporters. "Not a single man is expected to be able to do everything," she complained. "But if I say the

same for myself, I immediately become a worthless, timid child to you." This outburst came after asking for clarification on whether Girlboss only cries when the check engine light comes on in her car or if the emotion is extended to the presence of the tire pressure warning as well.

Despite her doubling down on gender roles through a feminist lens, some scholars believe Girlboss's approach is the start of the next women's rights movement. Mandy Hater, professor at the University, highlights the fact that Girlboss's adherence to upholding these traditional roles can act as a form of reparations for women. "Women only make 79 cents to a man's dollar. Be a part of the revolution and let him buy you the damn drink! Make him pay for dinner. Use him as your personal assistant. He can afford it more than you can."

Women everywhere are conflicted on this issue, leaving them in an endless cycle of benefitting from the sexism that they kind of sometimes say they're pretty mad about. At least they can get a free drink at the bar out of it — hopefully sans unwanted drugs.

## Kyle's Corner



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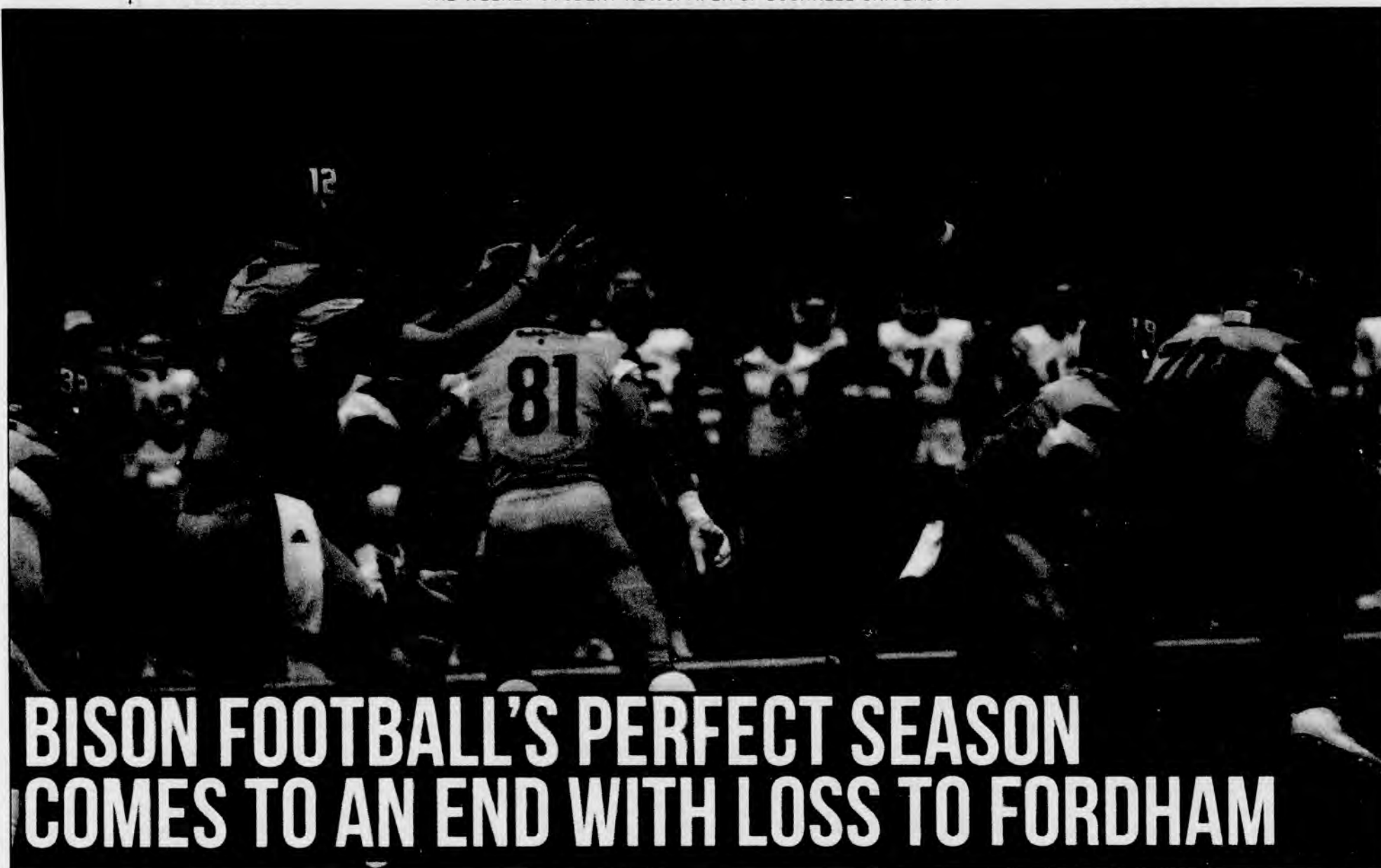


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## BISON FOOTBALL'S PERFECT SEASON COMES TO AN END WITH LOSS TO FORDHAM

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Logan Bitkofer '21 receives the snap and looks for an open pass.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
@ TEMPLE ON APR 17  
AT 12 PM  
VS NAVY ON APR 18  
AT 1 PM  
**SOFTBALL**  
VS BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
ON APR 17  
AT 12 PM AND 2 PM  
VS BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
ON APR 18  
AT 12 PM AND 2 PM  
**WOMEN'S WATER POLO**  
@ MOUNT ST. MARY'S  
ON APR 17  
AT 12 PM  
VS ST. FRANCIS ON APR 17  
AT 3 PM  
**BASEBALL**  
@ NAVY ON APR 17  
AT 1 PM AND 3 PM  
V. NAVY ON APR 18  
AT 2 PM  
**FOOTBALL**  
VS HOLY CROSS ON APR 17  
AT 2 PM  
**MEN'S TENNIS**  
VS LEHIGH ON APR 17  
AT 1 PM  
**WOMEN'S ROWING**  
VS DELAWARE ON APR 17  
AT 4 PM  
**TRACK AND FIELD**  
VS ARMY AND DETROIT  
MERCY ON APR 18  
ALL DAY

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Contributing Writer

Bison football suffered their first loss of the shortened Spring season against Fordham at Christy-Mathewson Memorial Stadium on Saturday, April 10. The Bison led by a touchdown midway through the third

quarter, but the Rams scored three unanswered touchdowns in the remainder of the second half and hung on to win 31-17.

There were many bright spots, despite the tough loss. Coleman Bennett '24 and Tyler Beverett '24 both scored their first collegiate touch-

downs and kicker Ethan Torres '21 notched a career-long field goal.

Logan Bitkofer '21 once again saw the majority of action in the two-quarterback system that Coach Cecchini has tended to favor this season. The senior went 14-25

for 145 yards and 2 interceptions. He struggled at times to find open receivers against Fordham's feisty corners and press coverage, but maintained a calm presence in the pocket as usual. Gavin Pringle '24 had nine tackles to lead the Bison defense, which suf-

fered greatly due to the four turnovers on offense.

The loss could prove to be beneficial for the Bison, who will now be battle-tested as they play host to Holy Cross in the first ever Patriot League Championship Game this Saturday, April 17.

## Close battle results in a Bison win on senior day

Kaelyn Long  
Senior Writer

The Bison were victorious with their 13-11 win on Saturday, April 10 at Graham Field against the Colgate Raiders. This was a memorable day as the team celebrated their nine seniors: Caroline Walsh, Gabby Walsh, Julia Bradbury, Mason Rode, Lydia Morgantini, Michelle Melville, Kali Peoples, Eve Calabria and Lauren Kinnee. Emma Cashwell '22 had a standout performance with four goals, all scored in the second half. Rode also came up big for the Bison with a draw control with only three minutes to go in the game. The team now sits at 3-3 overall and 3-2 in the Patriot League.

The game was close for the first 23 minutes, neither team leading by more than one goal. By halftime, the Bison had its biggest lead of three goals with a score of 8-5 as a result of goals by McHale, Katie Wendell '21 and Tatum Kohlbrener '24.

All in the last 15 minutes of this intense match up, Cashwell scored three goals in under a span of five minutes, putting the Orange and Blue up 13-7. The Raiders responded with four consecutive goals, closing the game to 13-11, which ended up being the final score of the game.

The Bison called a timeout to calm the nerves. Rode came out after the timeout and secured her fifth draw control, allowing the team to run the clock. Laurel McHale '22 looked to add one more goal with 1:55 left in the game, but it was saved by the Raider's goalie. The Orange and Blue regained control with 90 seconds left on the shot clock, allowing the Raiders to have possession the last 20 seconds of the game being down two goals.

Offensively, the Bison had a 37-29 shot advantage. Cashwell ended with four goals while McHale '22 tallied three goals and an assist and Rode tallied two goals and one assist. Peoples finished with two goals

and Emily Baird '24 created three turnovers. The Orange and Blue led 16-15 in ground balls. Both Kinnee and Caitlin Tucker '22 appeared in goal for the Bison. Kinnee had one save while Tucker finished with six saves.

Kinnee, who is also an active member of ROTC, said, "The game this weekend was the most memorable of my career. It started off with recognizing the senior class and all we have accomplished during our four years together. Then, for the first time in my career, we had the Colors presented during the National Anthem. Five of my closest friends and fellow ROTC Cadets were the ones to present the Colors, which made it even more special. We played a great game and ended off with a great win! It was a day that I will never forget!"

The Bison will be on the road for its final three games of the Patriot League season, starting with taking on the Lovola Greyhounds next Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

## Field hockey finishes regular season play with win

Roger Mellado  
Staff Writer

This past Sunday, the Bison field hockey team hosted Lafayette in another thrilling match for their regular season finale. A combination of upperclassmen experience and some youngsters got their feet wet, helping the Bison to their third win of the season.

The Leopards came out swinging, but it didn't take long for the experienced Bison to capitalize off of a penalty corner to tie the score at 1-1. Kaelyn Long '21 received the ball from Gugu Sibanda '24 inside the circle and scored her first goal of the season to even the score. The Leopards managed to carry momentum going into the halftime break after scoring another goal and controlling the lead at 2-1.

The third quarter was owned by Bison forward Rachel Apa '24. Within three minutes, Apa caught two passes into the circle and tipped them into the back of the goal. The freshman's strong performance gave the Bison the lead, which they managed to hold on to for the remainder of regulation time.

"After starting out the season shaky and playing some games without some of our players for being contact traced, we pulled it together and our team really got better at working together and connecting on the field," Apa said. "We've made a lot of improvements since our first game and I couldn't have done anything without my teammates!"

The Leopards weren't ready to go down without a fight. In the last five minutes, they recorded six shots. Goalie Clara McCormick '23 stepped up yet again making three saves in the final minute of regulation. In dramatic fashion, the Leopards managed to earn a stroke, which is a one on one shot opportunity between forward and goalie when the ball is deemed to be prohibited from scoring or blocked from play.

With three seconds on the clock, McCormick stuffed Lafayette's senior forward's attempt to tie the game and secured the win for the Bison.

The Bison will carry this momentum through their by-week and hopefully into the first round of the Patriot League Tournament!

## The Bison cruise past Lafayette

Laurel McHale  
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's lacrosse team cruised past Lafayette, 14-6, on Saturday night under the lights at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

Tommy Sopko '21 netted five goals, while Summer Brumbaugh '21 had two goals and two assists. Alston Tarry '22 also had a good game, contributing one goal and three assists. Jack Feda '23 saw his first career start, and finished the game with two goals and one assist, including a diving, backhanded strike

early in the contest. Tanner Germain '22 (2g-1a) and Joe Scattareggia '23 (1g-1a) also rounded out the Bison with multi-point outings. Dutch Furlong '24 also scored a goal.

The Bison held Lafayette scoreless from the second quarter's 2:03 mark to the four quarter's 9:58 mark and in that time, the Blue and Orange found the back of the net seven times. The Leopards did score three out of the four final goals, but this was after the impressive defensive stand by the Bison. Overall, the defense stood strong with Ben Clark '21 making an impres-

sive 12 saves. Lafayette only scored six out of their 21 shots on goal.

Bryant Boswell '21 filled the stat sheet with four caused turnovers and three ground balls. Feda and Drew Wellington '22 caused two turnovers as well. Travis Talarico '22 and Tarry both finished the night with four ground balls.

The Bison return for a Friday night lights game against the Colonials of Robert Morris University at 7:30 p.m. at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium for their senior night, where they will honor the 10 senior members.

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## Bison men's soccer comes to a close

Emily Doyle  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's soccer season has come to a close. The Orange and Blue finished their season with a home game on Emmitt Field against Loyola University Maryland. Loyola came out on top with a 2-1 victory over the Bison on Saturday, April 10.

The Bison's last game was also a time to celebrate the seniors that have put a lot of time and effort into this program. The seniors on the team are: Stefan Gollisz, Kev-

in Gultzio, Eamon O'Connor, Matt Thorsheim, Cody Wax, and Trevor Wiggins.

"In an unprecedented and shortened season, the coaching staff and the current seniors did an outstanding job with fulfilling their leadership positions by keeping a positive mindset throughout the team. Despite not advancing to the Patriot League tournament, the Spring season was filled with a lot of positives that we can build from into our upcoming Fall season," Jacob Mittman '22 said.

The Bison were able to get on the board at the 68th

minute when Collin Murphy '24 assisted the goal from Sebastian Paz '24. This is the first career point for both freshmen. "It was the best feeling in the world and it was amazing scoring in front of all of my friends. Also, I thought we worked very hard this season and left everything on the field after every game. It didn't turn out as good as we expected, but we'll be back stronger next year," Paz said.

The Bison closed the season with a 1-4-1 record. Good luck to all the seniors in their future endeavors.

## Women's golf completes weekend with win

Clay Myers  
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's golf team finished the Bucknell Invitational on a rainy Sunday afternoon with a bang as Casey Morrow '21 took first place with a comfortable six-stroke lead. The entire roster was in action this week being split evenly into two teams properly named "blue" and "orange." The orange team ran away with a total of 615 (308-307) over blue's 620 (308-312).

The individual leaderboard was almost entirely

"blue" and "orange" as the Bison covered nine out of the top 10 places, with Saint Francis' Allison Appleton tied for seventh. Morrow tied the school record with an astonishing 69 on Saturday and finished with an equally as amazing 74 on Sunday. Morrow's Saturday peaked with five birdies in the second round and continued on Sunday with 14 pars.

Notable performances on "blue" also included Cristina Canales '24 with 77, Kelsey Yi '24 with 80, Morgan Hennessy '22 with 81 and Morgan Sohovsky '23 with 88. The "or-

ange" team was led by Tatum McKelvey '23, who finished runner-up to Morrow with 75. Erin Holmes '21 with 77, Sun Woo Jeon '22 also with 77, Kayla Yi '24 with 78 and Sahana Paravantavida '23 finishing with 79.

As the Bison finished up with their fifth team victory at its annual home event (other victories coming in 2006, 2010, 2011, and 2016) they look forward to dominating the Patriot League Championship in two weeks on April 24 at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa.

## Women's water polo defeats St. Francis on senior day

Anna Carroll  
Senior Writer

The Bison women's water polo team split a pair of games this past weekend against Michigan and St. Francis (Pa.) at Kinney Natatorium in their final home game of the season. The Orange and Blue fell 15-6 against No. 7 Michigan in their first game of the day but were able to bounce back with an 11-8 win over the Red Flash of St. Francis (Pa.). They improved to an overall record of 5-3 this season and will play two more CWPA games next weekend before the CWPA Championships.

The Bison fought hard and kept things close against Michigan at the beginning of their first contest on Sunday, but the Wolverines were able to gain momentum in the second half. After falling 0-1 in the first quarter, Kali Hyham '21 tied things up for the Orange and Blue with her

first goal of the day. Hyham found the back of the cage once more after Michigan scored two, bringing the Bison within one at the end of the first period. Michigan proved their strengths as a team in the next three periods, scoring four goals in each, giving them a 15-6 victory over the Bison. Hyham led the way for the Orange and Blue in game one with three goals, followed by Ally Furano '21 and Paige Furano '23 with one goal apiece.

The Bison came back ready to fight in their second game of the day and senior night for Hyham. A. Furano and Marcela Herrera. The Orange and Blue used a six-goal second quarter to gain momentum and a big lead. Bella Moynihan '23 contributed a goal early on to give the Bison a 2-1 edge in the first period. It was after Moynihan's goal that the Bison turned it on and gained a

commanding 8-2 lead over St. Francis (Pa.). P. Furano led the team with four goals, followed by Herrera and Megan LaCroix '23 each adding two, and Moynihan. A. Furano and Hyham all added one goal apiece. It was a team effort for the Bison and marked the final home game for the three seniors.

"I'm really grateful for the opportunity to play one last time in Kinney with this team, our coaches, and especially with Marcela and Kali. It was a bittersweet day, we are so grateful for everything this program has given us and will miss working hard in the pool every day and competing with one another," A. Furano said.

The Bison will compete on the road against the Red Flash once more next weekend, in addition to Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. before the CWPA Championships.

# ATHLETE

## OF THE WEEK

### MARWAN ABAZA '21

#### MEN'S TENNIS



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#### PROFILE

HOMETOWN: BOCA RATON, FL

HIGH SCHOOL: PALM BEACH VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Holly Burns  
Senior Writer

This past weekend, the Bison men's tennis team earned a strong 6-1 victory over the Loyola Greyhounds. Marwan Abaza '21 was central to the Orange and Blue's victory, starting off the day with a No. 1 doubles victory alongside teammate Cooper Bradshaw '22. Abaza then went on to end the day with his second No. 1 singles victory of the season.

"I am very relieved to be able to at least compete in my senior year. Sam Yildirimlar and I are very excited to have our senior day match at home against Lehigh, too," Abaza said.

Abaza relocated to Lewisburg heading into his sophomore season, as he spent his freshman year at Florida Atlantic University. When he first transferred, Abaza faced challenges both on the court and in the classroom, but ultimately he was able to overcome

them and succeed. While it took Abaza a little bit of time to assimilate to the new environment with the Bison, he has emerged as an effective leader for the Orange and Blue, both athletically and academically.

Abaza credits much of his success to the support he has received from his family, explaining that "I would not be where I am today without the influence and guidance of my family. Work ethic has been necessary for improvement in any field, but especially tennis."

During his time with the Bison so far, Abaza was named a two-time Patriot League Player of the Week, as well as a two-time member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. In addition, Abaza earned 2020 ITA Scholar-Athlete accolades.

Abaza has really enjoyed every moment with the Orange and Blue since transferring, but explains that his favorite moments "from competition at Bucknell are definitely having

the closest matches against conference rivals. Beating Colgate is always a norm and a pleasure."

The Bison men's tennis squad has had a strong start to their season, and Abaza is excited for the matches that remain.

"It has been a very unusual season with COVID-19 but our guys could not be more ready for the remainder of the semester. I believe we are legit contenders for the conference title."

#### CAREER STATS

22 SINGLES WINS  
18 DOUBLES WINS

## Women's tennis' win and loss this weekend

Clara McCormick  
Staff Writer

In only their third and fourth matches of the season, the Bison women's tennis team split their weekend of competition.

The Bison fell to Army in a conference competition 3-4 on Friday, April 9. At court two Cayla Koch '21 defeated her opponent 1-6, 6-4, and 6-4. Tyne Miller '24 won on court three 0-6, 6-3, and 7-5. Laurel Utterback '24 took the victory

on court five, winning 7-5 and 6-2. Third court doubles duo Utterback and Kate Novak '24 also earned a win with the score 7-6 (7-1).

On Saturday, the team redeemed themselves by defeating conference opponent Loyola 6-1. On court one, Daniela Bellini '22 won 3-6, 6-4 and 6-4. Koch won again on court two 6-3 and 6-3. Miller won on court three 6-2 and 6-3. Sofia Ayuso '21 won on court four 7-5, 7-6 (7-5). Utterback

won on court five 7-5, 7-6 (7-5). All three doubles matches resulted in wins for the Bison. Duo Koch and Bellini won 6-4, partners Ayuso and Miller won 6-4, and first-years Utterback and Novak took the third doubles victory against the greyhounds 6-4.

The Bison will compete again this Saturday, April 17 at Temple University at 12 p.m. and on Sunday, April 18 against Conference opponent Navy in Lewisburg at 1 p.m.

## After a tough loss, men's tennis picks up a win

Clara McCormick  
Staff Writer

The Bison men's tennis team suffered a tough loss to conference opponent Navy at home on Saturday, April 10. The final score was 0-7 with Marwan Abaza '21 on court one, Michael Owen '23 on court two, and Guillermo Torres '23 at court six falling in three sets instead of two.

The Bison redeemed

themselves on Sunday, April 11, though, by defeating conference opponent Loyola 6-1. The home match resulted in wins for Abaza at court 1, 6-1, 6-1, Owen at court 2, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1, Nick Mueller '23 at court 3, 6-3, 6-0, Sam Yildirimlar '21 at court 5, 6-2, 3-6, 11-9 and Per Astrom '23, at court 6 6-2, 6-4.

In the doubles competition, Abaza and Cooper

Bradshaw '22 were victorious 6-1. Tim Zelikovsky '24 and Mueller beat the Greyhounds 7-6 (7-4), and Torres and Owen won 6-2.

The team will compete again this Friday, April 16 at Lafayette at 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 17 against Lehigh in Lewisburg at 2 p.m. These are the final two matches scheduled for the Bison prior to the Patriot League tournament.

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# BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

## The Storied UCLA versus the Newest Clemson Tigers

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Looking through the NCAA softball top 25, there are the typical teams you would expect to see and others that may look like outliers. Though UCLA the 2019 national champions still reign, the cancellation of the 2020 season means anything is up for grabs this year.

There are many Olympians, World Series champions, top-ranked recruits and otherwise gifted players on the UCLA softball roster. Their pioneer and head coach Kelly Inouye-Perez played softball at UCLA from 1989-1993. She immediately impacted the team, named the PAC-10 first team as a freshman and the second team as a sophomore. She was also a 3x National Champion in 1989, 1990 and 1992, and

played in 22 total world series games, the third-highest amount in UCLA history.

Players under Inouye-Perez' tutelage have followed her illustrious career. Rachel Garcia, for instance, is a redshirt senior pitcher from Palmdale, Calif. In her 2019 championship season, Garcia was named the College Woman Athlete of the Year (Honda Cup) and USA Collegiate Softball Player of the Year, among many other accolades. She intentionally redshirted her 2020 season to train for the 2020 Olympics and spent time with the USA team in preparation for the summer. Another player, Maya Brady, is a redshirt freshman from Thousand Oaks, Calif. Her uncles are Tom Brady and Kevin Youkilis. To say that genetics plays in Brady's favor for her athletic talent is an understatement. In

her 2020 breakout season, Brady was named Softball America's freshman player of the year. She leads the Bruins with seven home runs and a .365 batting average. The final UCLA standout is Aaliyah Jordan, a 5-7 outfielder from Chula Vista, California. A first-team all-American and ranked second nationally in doubles, Jordan was named national player of the week on Feb. 18 after batting a .571 at the St. Pete Clearwater invitation. Thus far, the Bruins are 22-2, both losses coming against Oregon.

UCLA has 12 national titles; of those 12, Inouye-Perez participated in the winning team as a player three times. Her fellow teammates during this time — mostly California natives — grew up watching the Bruins play, admiring legendary players such as

Stephany Larosa (ranked second in career home runs), Lisa Fernandez (the greatest softball player at UCLA), and B.B. Bates. This program is rich with tradition and storied success; the all-time winningest program has been around the block a few times.

On the other end of the spectrum is the Clemson Tigers, with no victorious legacy; the program was established in 2017 and their first season took place in 2020. John Rittman, the first softball coach in Clemson history started with no blueprint on how to build the program. Each of the seven members of the team redshirted in 2018-2019 in order to be ready for the first season in 2020. The group also did not have enough people to hold intrasquad scrimmages, so the focus for the first year

was on skill-work and making sure the fundamentals were solidified. Before the stadium was finished for the squad, the players and coaches had to use the baseball field. Only four players made it through the first trying year, while others transferred to other programs.

Clemson went all in with their new program, spending \$330,000 on the program in total. These costs included the salary for first year head coach Rittman, assistant coach salary and recruiting costs. By 2019, the number was projected to be \$980,000. Concluding the building process of the program, the 2020 season was set in their \$14 million facility. In their inaugural season, the Tigers went 20-8. Even with the freshness and excitement of a new program,

the Tigers too asked the big question of "what if?" after the pandemic shut NCAA softball down.

Right now, Clemson is second in the ACC behind 2018 national champion Florida State. They are 18-4 and ranked 19th nationally. The Tigers lead the conference in four statistical categories. Outfielder and utility Marissa Guimbarra leads the conference in slugging percentage at .868 and home runs with 11. Cammy Pereira leads at bats with 94 and Valerie Cagle with runs batted in at 36.

The team of seven four years ago created the foundation for the future success of this softball program. The four who preserved and stayed in Death Valley are beginning to see the fruition of their patience and hard work. With time, they too will create a rich tradition like UCLA.

## Bison rowing enjoys stellar competition

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The Bison women's rowing team competed against fellow Patriot League opponent, Colgate, on Saturday, April 10 on the Susquehanna River. The competition was a successful one for the Bison, as they saw several of their lineups win their races. The Second Varsity Eight

and Varsity Four both defeated the Raiders and the Varsity Eight won their race by more than 40 seconds.

"It is nice to have such a deep team, especially because it takes more than the varsity eight to win the PLC to qualify for NCAAs. It pushes everyone to keep up because there is always a chance to make the next boat up, but it is nice just knowing that each

person on the team played a role in pushing each other to build the fastest boats possible," Casey Miller '21 said.

The Orange and Blue will look to continue to fine tune in preparation for the Patriot League Championships on May 14. The next opportunity will come on April 17, as the Bison will compete against Delaware at 4 p.m.

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## No Time Off? That's A No for Me!

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About two-thirds of colleges and universities around the country have cancelled spring break. Institutions believe that this was necessary in order to limit the spread of COVID-19, but was it the right decision? Fellow Patriot League schools — such as Lafayette College and Colgate University — as well as large state schools like the University of Georgia and Ohio State University have cancelled spring break in an effort to keep their communities safe. Although this move has kept students from traveling off campus and possibly infecting others with the virus, the continual academic and social pressures of college life has caused students' mental health and motivation to rapidly deteriorate.

With this cancellation, many colleges have allowed for a few scattered days off during the spring semester, with the intention that students will be able to relax

and step away from school-related assignments. However, these intermittent days off do not compare to the rest felt over an extended break. This was a very poor decision made by administrators who will, ultimately, remain unaffected by the change they put in place.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought on a whole new slew of student anxieties: students are now anxious of contracting the virus and had to adjust remote instruction and social distancing policies. The administration's decision to take away spring break is yet another obstacle in students' lives. San Diego State University students were very unhappy with the university's decision to cancel spring break as Mark Gaunin, a junior, shared that "it's not a break," and "it's not really a rest and recovery day. It's just going to be nonstop school. We're still going to have homework and deadlines that are going to be due the day after what they call 'rest and recovery' days." Similarly, a first-year student at Michigan State

University shared that "a lot of people are struggling more than usual this semester," and "my mental health has been depreciating at an extended rate," in part due to the university's decision to cancel spring break.

Likewise, our university's plan allows students to have three scattered days off during the spring semester, compared to the 10 consecutive days of spring break that is normally given. Students at our University have also complained that the scattered rest days have been an excuse for professors to assign longer assignments that are due shortly after the day off. This is unacceptable, as students never receive a true "break," making people question whether institutions like the University truly consider and care for students' mental health.

In essence, spring break has been ripped away from us. Universities have framed this as a precautionary measure as students are suffering from burnout. One can only hope that the normal spring break will return next year.

## Brazil's Bolsonaro: A secret and hostile administration

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The science community—particularly the environmental and medical research teams—in Brazil has been facing myriad complications from President Jair Bolsonaro and his administration. Bolsonaro and his relationship with the environmental scientific community has been notoriously unsteady. Recently, the scientists at Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio) announced a new rule allowing officials from ICMBio to review all current data and work before it can be submitted for publication. This transfers an immense amount of power to one person, which could cause an eruption of issues to the public.

People have expressed their worries for this new private system, which includes a fear that this system will censor and minimize data detailing environmental concerns. These fears come with valid reasons, as Bolsonaro has a history of downplaying environmental issues and taking few concrete actions to combat the global crisis of climate change. Ever since he stepped into office, he has worked hard to lessen the enforcement of Brazil's previous environmental protection. According to the New York Times, Bolsonaro has supported companies that want more access to the Amazon, has limited

the land rights of Indigenous people, and decreased governmental resistance to illegal logging and mining. Further, he has criticized programs that enforce environmental laws, viewing them as unnecessary. Instead of placing value on environmental protection, he instead values the economy, and is willing to risk the environment's health to allow the economy to thrive. The New York Times also reported that, when asked about the consequences of a wildlife reserve in Brazil losing its designation, Bolsonaro responded that these issues only apply to "vegans, who only eat vegetables." He claims that Brazil's large reservations and national parks negatively affect the economy, and without them the economy would prosper. Not only has Bolsonaro demonstrated a lack of care to the land, but also to its people. Many indigenous people in Brazil feel as though the only way to preserve their culture is to live in reservations due to Bolsonaro's efforts to diminish their history. All of these aspects cast Bolsonaro as greedy and unsympathetic to the environment and its people, thus this new system of reviewing data has raised myriad concerns for Brazilians.

The Bolsonaro administration has responded to these concerns by reassuring the community that this new system is not to censor environmental harm, however, Bolsonaro has continuously clashed with scientists. More recently, he conflicted with COVID-19 researchers

about how to protect its people, and 358,000 Brazilians have died, in part, due to his disbelief in science and the seriousness of the disease. Moreover, Marcus Lacerda, an infectious disease specialist who specializes in the Amazon, faced harsh questioning from federal prosecutors, even death threats, after publishing prominent findings about the dangers of prescribing chloroquine to COVID-19 patients. Events like these lead scientists to an atmosphere of fear of publishing crucial data to the public.

This new rule of one person reviewing all documents before they get published to the public is a violation to the people of Brazil. They are being denied valuable information. The administration claims that the official is trained for this responsibility, however, it does not balance out the fact that millions of people are being withheld information, not to mention the damage this will cause to the environment. The Bolsonaro administration, the people and the scientific community have seen an increasing distance between them for years, and events like this do not make things any better. This furthers the already hostile and exclusive environment Brazilians endure. Ultimately, finding the end of the environmental and pandemic disasters in Brazil should be the top priority of the Bolsonaro administration.

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# LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR: CLASSES, CAMPUS LIFE & EXPECTATIONS

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Special Features Editor

April at the University means two things: 1) the campus comes to life with blooming trees and flowers and 2) students register for courses for the upcoming fall semester. This year, the passing of spring means a new beginning in many different ways. As students begin to think about the upcoming semester and new academic year, they are not only hoping that they will like their classes but also hoping that they will all be in-person.

## COURSE REGISTRATION: A NEW WAVE

Registering for courses is notorious for being a stressful yet exciting time. In the middle of each semester, students make the important decision of what classes they will be taking the following semester. They have to take into account any major, minor and CCC requirements that must be completed and what type of learning best suits them based on their academics thus far.

All students and faculty can find a comprehensive list of the offered courses each semester, which also details what discipline they are in as well as what requirements they fulfill.

This course catalogue, which can be found on the "Course Information" page of the University's website, also includes the days/times of each course and the Professor who will be teaching it. Once students find and select their courses from this catalogue, registration occurs by class year and time slots. Prior to registration, students will receive their registration pin from their advisor(s). Registration is done through Banner Web.

This semester, the University's Registrar Office announced an upgraded version of Banner Web that features a Self-Service module for

course registration. Through this new version, students can utilize a "Plan Ahead" feature to create up to five tentative schedules prior to their registration time slot. This will not only ensure that students have an easy way to create back-up plans of their schedule, but it can also make registration easier because it allows them to upload all of their courses straight from the plan.

A few things to note when it comes to course registration are: potential restrictions, permission from professors, complications with CRNs and waitlisting. To account for these

potential conflicts, reaching out to professors and/or faculty is a great way to get ahead and ensure registration goes as smoothly as possible. Information for all of this can be found on the University's website. The Registrar Office is also available via email or phone to answer any questions and address any issues.

This past week, rising seniors registered on Monday and Tuesday and rising juniors on Wednesday and Thursday. Rising sophomores will register for their Fall 2021 courses on Monday and Tuesday of the coming week.

## LOGGING OFF ZOOM

After a long year of remote and hybrid learning, the University plans to continue in-person instruction for the upcoming Fall 2021 semester. While the mode of learning is still undetermined, many are feeling hopeful for a continued sense of returning to normalcy. One of the biggest indicators of this being that the University will return to its "regular, unmodified academic calendar" for the fall semester and likely all future semesters, as stated by the Director of University Media

Relations Mike Ferlazzo. For students and faculty alike, this means Fall Break and Thanksgiving Break will occur as they did pre-pandemic. This is positive news for all, as the absence of these breaks caused heightened feelings of stress in the past two semesters.

"During this academic year, the campus community has come together as never before to meet the demands of this unprecedented challenge and ensure students could attend in-person classes," University President John Bravman

said. "Given the rising rate of vaccination across the nation, we feel confident that campus operations will return to a greater level of normalcy in 2021-22."

Many COVID-19 restrictions such as social distancing and mask-wearing will likely remain in place in order to remain safe and prevent another resurgence in infections. Similarly, the University will continue to adhere to its COVID-19 class schedule next fall, which allows 30 minutes between classes for aerosol dispersion and additional cleaning.

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Robert Midkiff encourages "cautious and deliberate" actions as "we move forward and emerge from the pandemic." Midkiff also predicts that the University, and the education system in general, will continue to see greater integration of technology and online instruction in the future, but fully remote learning will not continue. "Our strength is found in the intimate, hands-on collaboration between faculty and students that is most effectively provided in face-to-face interactions."

## HOPEFUL EXPECTATIONS

The student body as a whole has a lot of thoughts and expectations about what their next semester at the University will be like. After more than a year of unexpected changes and "unprecedented times," most are hoping for a return to normal, where community and connection is valued. As vaccines circulate the nation and more solutions are in sight, students continue to be mindful of the circumstance yet optimistic about the remainder of their college experience.

Carlos Vargas '22 reflects on this past semester and shared that "[it] has been challenging in terms of socializing, but taking the proper precautions to keep the community safe takes priority. I have found

comfort in reconnecting with friends that I have lost touch with during the pandemic and has made this process easier." He continued to say, "I am looking forward to next semester and hoping that we can return to normalcy."

"Having a freshman year riddled with COVID-19 protocols was tough," Quentin Andrews '24 said. "I look forward to open conviviality next year!"

"As Class President of 2024, I am excited to create more inclusive events that open up opportunities for my classmates to make the lasting memories and relationships that were not possible this past year," Bernadette Maramis '24 said.

In response to the current state,

Juliana Collins '23 said, "I think Bucknell has done a fantastic job to keep their students on campus by enforcing social distancing, mask wearing and weekly testing. I am very pleased that so many people have been vaccinated so we can create a herd immunity. I am really looking forward to another great semester at Bucknell because I think classes will be in person and campus life will be able to return to normalcy!"

While recent news surrounding the vaccine is hopeful, Kate Normandin '23 recognizes the need to stay aware and continue to act diligently. "As a rising junior, I'm hoping that next semester will be similar to 'regular' Bucknell," she said, "but

it is hard to know now how the semester will go. I'm sure once we get closer to August we will have a better sense of what campus will look like."

Overall, students seem to look forward to next semester and next year with a hopeful and excited yet cautious mindset. The announcement of the in-person learning and re-installment of breaks in addition to the rising prevalence of vaccinations makes these expectations all the more realistic.

"I could not be more excited for normalcy next fall," Liza Heyl '22 said. "If everyone is vaccinated I think we can have a pretty 'normal' semester and get back to the Bucknell we all know and love."

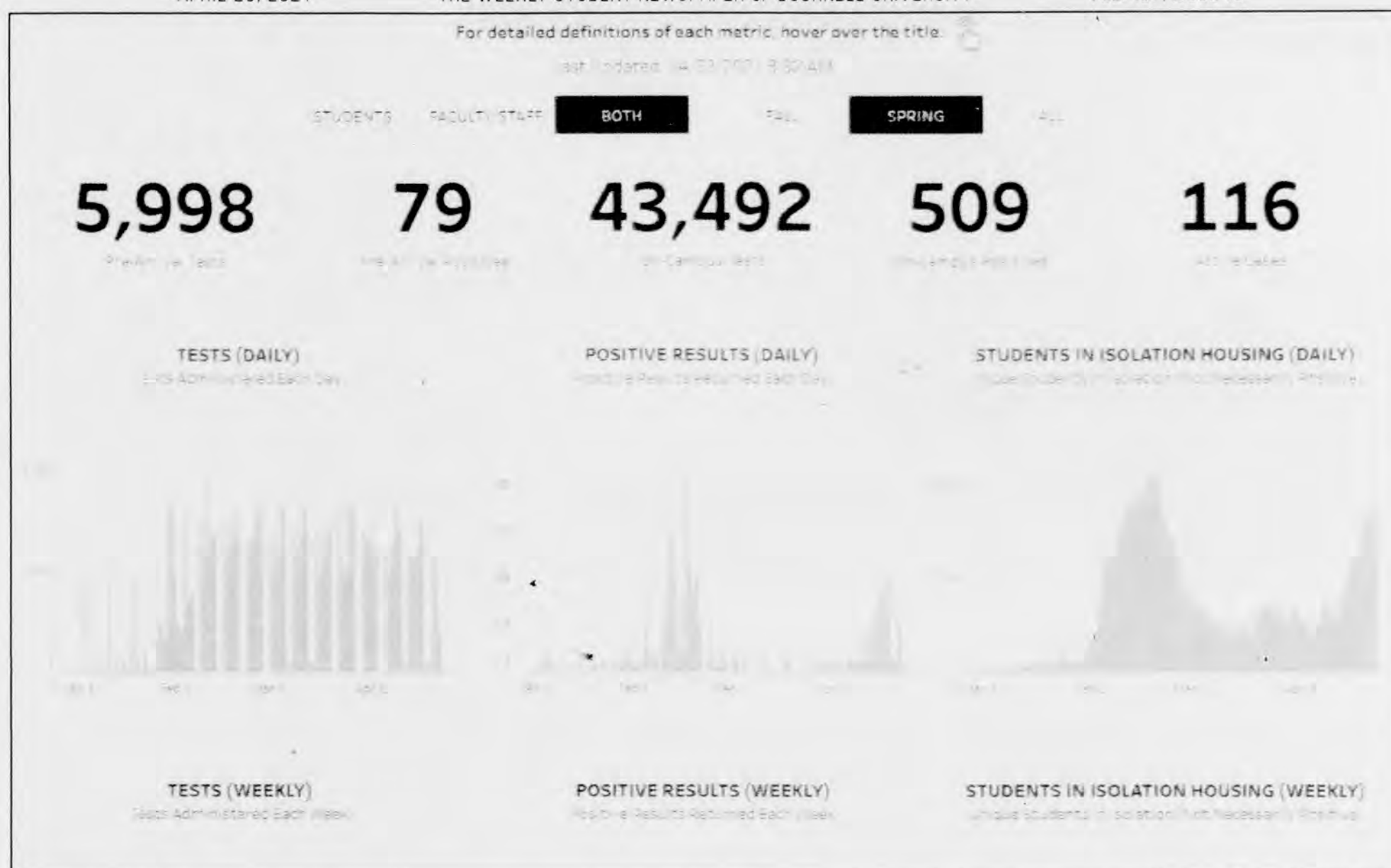


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## SPIKE IN COVID CASES...AGAIN

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As the Spring 2021 semester comes to an end, in addition to final exams and projects, students face the additional stress of rising numbers of COVID-19 cases. The spike of positive cases appeared on the University COVID-19 dashboard over the past week and has many worried about the health of the community.

Chief of Public Safety Steve Barilar is busy transporting an increasing number of students to the hotel for isolation. When describing the students who are going into isolation, Barilar commented, "It's a lot of everything... We transport positives, close contacts, students who are symptomatic and close contacts of students who are symptomatic." Additionally, Barilar sees many students being "cautious for

the whole campus."

Despite the increasing number of students testing positive, Barilar maintains an optimistic outlook. "I will always be hopeful that things will work out... As long as we can keep being vigilant I hope that we can still stay in person," Barilar said.

In addition to putting stress on Public Safety, the rising cases are affecting students who are worried about staying on campus. In

response to the current situation, "We only have about a month left and I'd love to be able to remain in person and stay on campus with my friends. It's awful and incredibly selfish that people, students included, are walking without masks and partying with no regard for the health of others. Fingers crossed that numbers will go down as people get vaccinated," Jordana Groveman '24 said. Other students maintain

faith in their peer's ability to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines. "We've done so well with keeping cases down this semester and definitely need to have that same persistence as we enter the last stretch. If we all do our part, hopefully we won't have to finish virtually," Joseph Busato '24 said.

Similarly, Puja Velam '24 maintains faith that the campus will remain a safe

## Vaccination eligibility opens up to campus community

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As of April 19, COVID-19 vaccines have become available in Pennsylvania to anyone over the age of 16, including those who live in non-medical congregate settings like colleges and universities. With undergraduates all across the state now eligible, many Bucknellians are taking advantage by scheduling their appointments with urgency. Still, with only about 10 percent of students fully vaccinated per University President John Bravman's April 14 email, the wave of vaccinations is insufficient for students to let their guards down. Both Student Health and Bucknell Student Government have kept the campus community up-

to-date on the logistics of scheduling vaccines, providing transportation to vaccination sites including Weis Market, Evangelical Hospital and Walmart. In addition to these locations, students can schedule vaccines at the Lewisburg CVS.

The University has made it clear that while students are not required to get vaccinated, the measure is nonetheless strongly encouraged. Those who are fully vaccinated should send documentation to Student Health in order for protocols to be determined. Bravman has been keeping students updated on vaccinations on campus as well as the importance of maintaining vigilance. "[p]lease remember that maximum protection against the

## Going solar: The University gets on board



ARTISTIC RENDERING OF THE INSTALLATION BY T.J. BOYLE ASSOCIATES  
Plans for new solar panels by the golf course

Kaya Schuster  
Contributing Writer

Joining other educational institutions across the nation with an effort to be more environmentally sustainable, the University will be installing an on-campus solar array just past the West Athletic Field and Art Barn, near the 12th fairway of the University Golf Club. The University has joined forces with Encore Renewable Energy of Burlington, Vt., whose CEO and founder is Chad Farrell '92. "As an alumnus, I am personally thrilled to see my alma mater advancing this important project," Farrell shared. Encore is providing comprehensive project de-

velopment and financing for the undertaking.

Not only does the installation of solar energy serve as a major stride toward clean, renewable energy on campus, but it offers new opportunities for students to learn about solar applications and participate in research projects. It will also allocate savings for both East Buffalo Township and ultimately the University as well.

Director of Campus Sustainability Victor Udo points out that "Bucknell has been actively seeking opportunities to increase its use of renewable energy and reduce its dependency on carbon-producing sources. For more than two years now, the University has explored

the installation of a solar array as a source of sustainable energy that can benefit both the University and the community." Approved by the East Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors on Monday, April 12, the project is finally set to proceed.

The location of the installation allows for substantial sun exposure and will not intrude on residential areas. South-facing panels no higher than nine feet will be part of a seven-acre development surrounded by an agricultural fence for safety purposes. To further contribute to sustainability, the site will contain sufficient vegetation to invite bees and

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Nicole Kronfli '23 is a prime example of the importance of maintaining wariness — she tested positive for the virus even after receiving her vaccine. "I got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on April 2 and started to experience symptoms of COVID-19 on April 10, subsequently testing positive on the 12th. My vaccine was not fully functional and I was still able to contract the virus within the two-week period," Kronfli said.

Especially with COVID-19 cases on campus increasing daily, it is imperative for the student body to continue following the protocols that are in place — whether vaccinated or not.

Despite these qualifications, however, many students remained excited for what they see as the onset of a "return to normalcy." Katelyn Collins '23 noted that she was "optimistic that as more students take the action of getting vaccinated, we will start to see the effects and Bucknell will be able to return to normal sooner rather than later," adding, "I feel like I did my part by getting vaccinated and I feel safer on campus knowing that I am better protected to some degree."

Many students share this positive sentiment and although cases continue to rise in the "second wave" to rock campus this semester, the number of students taking action to prevent the spread of the virus through vaccination is also increasing. Administrators seem to hope that if students follow safety precautions and schedule vaccinations, the University will be able to finish out these last few weeks of the semester on a high note.

## Senior class tribute plots new patio space outside of Swartz

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In an email last week, University senior class president Stuart "Kip" Hallagan, announced the plans for the Class of 2021 Senior Tribute. This tribute, an outdoor paved seating and small gathering space outside of Swartz Hall, will allow students to congregate in a communal space in a central area of campus. The patio will face Coleman Hall Drive and be in close proximity to the Malestardi Quadrangle, another central gathering space on campus. In the email sent announcing the plans, Hallagan said, "We envision this space will mirror the success of the seating area found in the RTK quad."

Attached to the email were depictions from the viewpoint of Coleman Hall Drive and an aerial view of the future patio space which will be filled with tables and the classic University blue

and orange Adirondack chairs.

In his announcement to the class, Hallagan continued that, "While many tributes look towards the needs of seniors, the addition of a communal space outside Swartz will allow for First Year students to connect with each other in close proximity to their residence within a beautiful outdoor space."

The patio's placement outside of Swartz Hall, a residential building that houses first-years along with a small number of upperclassmen, makes one more site of possible future socializing, and one where the building of community can take place. This year's class tribute mirrors the intent and purpose of last year's class project, a fire pit located near the University farm, both projects sought to provide current and future students with a communal outdoor space located on campus.

After a year in which cir-

cumstance has forced many gatherings outdoors to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the added space from both this year's and last year's class tributes offer more flexibility to the University community when working to continue safe social activities. "In a time when outdoor gathering spaces are at a premium, this senior class gift will be very popular with students both now and for many years to come," Associate Director of Building Maintenance and Projects Brian Fritz said. "The concept brought to Facilities by the senior class was well conceived and presented in a very professional and thoughtful manner. The senior class representatives were a pleasure to work with and provided excellent feedback throughout the process."

Thanks to the senior class, this new space will add to the University's residential and campus life, paving the way for future experiences.

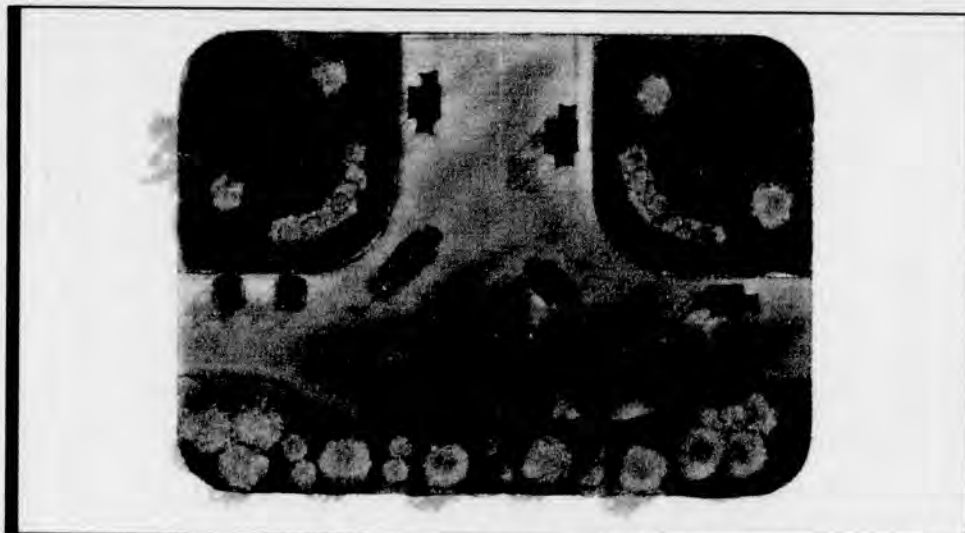


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## 10 specific excuses for getting out of things now that you can't blame COVID

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**Pfizer Themed:** Your custom Pfizer visor hasn't come in yet.

**Pros:** You now have an excuse to buy a visor from big pharma. This one builds anticipation for when you eventually do go out.

**Cons:** You look a little pretentious.

**Moderna Themed:** There wasn't enough engagement on your vaccine card insta story. You need some time to reset emotionally.

**Pros:** A real issue, hope you get through it. Nobody's going to argue with you.

**Cons:** Makes you look a little bit like a tool.

**AstraZeneca Themed:** You're the first person to ever get the AstraZeneca vax, so scientists are watching your every move.

**Pros:** Nobody will ever push back on this — getting an AstraZeneca vax is unheard of. You're so off-brand, you're so different.

**Cons:** You have an off-brand vaccine.

**Excuses for Frat Parties:** You're allergic to the metal that Kegs are made of.

**Pros:** There's universal appeal to this excuse; it can be used anywhere, anytime. Also, it makes you quirky/different, so you'll still seem cool. Guys won't question you on it, as most of them are in management or accounting anyway.

**Cons:** The occasional engineer will try to fight you on it. They might offer you a few lukewarm White Claws retrieved by a pledge. Might come back to bite you when you end up going out the next week.

**Seeing people play beer die triggers your vertigo.**

**Pros:** Gets you out of any party. You'll never have to Google the rules to die.

**Cons:** You'll probably get offered a spot in flip cup or pong instead. You might get stuck making weird small talk with the people waiting their turn.

**Dua Lipa killed your great aunt, so hearing any of her music**

brings up bad memories.

**Pros:** Guarantees you won't have to go to any party. Works as a cool story to eliminate small talk.

**Cons:** Her lawyer will hunt you down. Her significant Twitter following will find those old tweets you posted when you were 12 and cancel you.

**Excuses for Improv/A Cappella Shows**

You met your freshman year boyfriend in Coleman, so you don't want to go back.

**Pros:** Makes people think you're mature enough to have had serious relationships. Innuendoes you meet people in class, which makes you cultured.

**Cons:** You can never take a humanities class again. You can't use it to get out of Poli Sci events in Ac West.

You were given attention as a child, so you don't really see the appeal.

**Pros:** Cool flex — gives you a sense of superiority. Makes parents happy they did something right.

**Cons:** It's a lie.

You can't come because it reminds you of the street performers from your study abroad in Barcelona.

**Pros:** Have I told you about that semester I spent in Barcelona? It changed my life.

**Cons:** You have to earnestly pronounce the "th" in Bar-th-elona.

**Bonus Vague Excuses:**

You're scared of the dark.

**Pros:** This is a valid excuse.

People who say adults shouldn't be scared of the dark are lying to themselves. How do you sleep with your toes peeking out of the blanket, are you not scared of the monsters? What about that weird sound that's coming from the bushes at 2 a.m. when you're walking back from the bar alone?

**Cons:** People will look at you weird.

You have a big day tomorrow!

**Pros:** You don't. You'll wake up at 10, scroll through Tik Tok for an hour, and then get Dunkin'.

**Cons:** Vague enough that nobody will ever question you.

## Is online shopping or coffee more addictive?

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Satire Co-Editor

For students at the University, the student mail room is equipped with a bunch of handy features that make your mail experience as flawless and enjoyable as possible. They have lockers that open when you present the QR code that was sent to your phone to inform you that you have a package, and they also have a feature where you receive a text when your package is placed into one of these lockers. Students have reported that their serotonin and dopamine levels skyrocket when they get that text from the 888 area code with an attached description of which row to find the appropriate locker containing your package.

The rows of lockers are all named after traits, such as Ambition and Passion. "They should've called each row something cooler, like Vivacious or Funky or Affable," Kate Column '21 said. "That's my only complaint. Otherwise, the mail facility is perfect."

It is universally understood by all students that the sensation when you receive a package is addictive, which has actually caused some students to succumb to online shopping addictions.

"I literally can't stop ordering my groceries on Amazon Prime," Ki Locke '23 said. "Instead of driving the mile to Giant to buy them myself, I'd much rather have them shipped from Amazon so I can go get a package. It's literally the best feeling ever. It's way better than coffee."

Locke's comment has become the spark of a controversial debate, emerging among students at the University. The debate aims to answer the question, "Is online shopping or coffee more addictive?"

"Nothing feels better than drinking my first coffee of the day from my favorite fine beverage establishment, the Dunkin' Donuts on Route 15," Kay Lattie '22 said. "Coffee has never once failed me in preparing for exams, doing homework or just finding the energy to get out of bed when I'm hungover. It really is the nectar of the gods."

Some say that getting a package is better than sex, regardless of what the package is, thanks to the University's student mail room features, while some argue coffee has always been and will always be superior, especially when it's from the library. My personal opinion is that getting a package is one of the top two best things ever and it isn't second.

## Worried about summer? Here's a few tips to prepare your summer body for that hot, hot sun.



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**Coffee**

Listen, before I say anything else, most drugs are bad. However, coffee, which has caffeine, is good. Despite that, drinking coffee black is for maniacs and there are no exceptions to that. One more thing, just for the record — coffee isn't considered an "additive" to mix with that Monster Energy sludge. I don't want to hear it, Todd, you foolish buffoon.

**Sleep**

Sleep may not sound pretty exciting, but in our culture of wishing we didn't exist, sleep is perfect for embracing death without the commitment. Besides that, it uses up 50 calories

an hour. While calorie counts are different for everyone, we believe that with a proper 13 hours of sleep a day, you too could sculpt your body like cows at a meat factory. Just ask Todd. He eats cows all the time.

**Just Embrace Yourself Already**

Technically, if you're on the beach, any kind of body is a beach body. Just go out there and have a good time. What's the worst that could happen? People throw fruit at you? Free fruit! People call you fat? Just sit on them! Odds are, nobody is going to criticize you more than yourself, so you can rest easy knowing that other people aren't going to put you through the ringer. Todd might, though. I'd watch out for him.

**Alternative Medicine**

While this is a vague term ranging from marijuana to frankincense, it is certainly an option. Thousands of websites are lying to you and saying that using frankincense loses weight, like I'm doing now, but you know what? I'm honest. Frankincense smells wonderful, but does it make you lighter? Since the aroma the frankincense gives off goes up from the filtrator, is it able to reach your nostrils and brain much faster. To put in another context, is a bird lighter when it flies versus when it is grounded? For the sake of the argument, I will give a definitive yes. It's similar to ducks. Did you know ducks are lighter when they float on water compared to when they dive under for food?

Ducks can increase their mass at any time. Todd told me so.

**Exercise**

While I will always consider this a last resort in all possible scenarios, there is always exercise. Not to be confused with exorcists (no, the weight is not a "demon"), exercise is similarly painful and far less effective (and addictive, that's for sure) than the other methods listed here. Exercise often takes weeks or months of routine suffering to achieve body goals. Oftentimes, these goals are hopelessly unrealistic, as I learned trying to sculpt my dwarf-like pudgy-stomach into a sextuplet of washboard abs. Damn you, Todd and your seven-pack. He's always one-upping me.

## Things more dangerous than the Johnson & Johnson vaccine

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**PSA:** This is not meant to discredit the severity of a blood clot nor undermine the pain experienced by those affected.

**COVID-19 vaccines** are a very hot, as well as very controversial, topic of conversation nowadays. To get the vaccine or to not get the vaccine, that is the question. And if so, which one? There is the classic Pfizer and the edgy Moderna, as well as the up-and-coming AstraZeneca. One of the vaccines, Johnson & Johnson, has been getting a lot of unwanted attention because it has caused blood clots in a whopping six out of 6.8 million people that have received it. Which is about 0.00009 percent. Not to mention that all six of these people were

women between the ages of 18 and 48 that could have been on birth control, which is known to cause blood clots... but that's a story for another time, perhaps when discussing the lack of concern surrounding women-specific health care (just kidding, we'll never talk about that).

Anyway, Johnson & Johnson decided to recall their vaccine. A wise choice to avoid any negative press. It's kind of interesting, though, that we are so afraid of this vaccine with such minimal risk, even though there are so many things (some of which we have probably done) that are much more dangerous than the 0.00009 percent chance that you may get a blood clot. Some of those things include:

1. Going on a three-day bender with minimal pure water

and zero whole foods

Also known as any college student's average weekend. I'm pretty sure beer has water in it though, so that's a saving grace.

2. Getting in a car

They say that 77 % of drivers have been in a car accident. Now think about how often you drive your car, how many close calls you've had, how many times your life has flashed before your eyes. Statistics are statistics, people! However, this risk becomes even more prevalent as a woman. Misogynistic car salesmen increase the chances of women committing homicide by tenfold, and jail seems really scary. Try telling me to get my father's opinion on this used Honda Civic now, Ted.

3. Exiting a building

between the months of May and August

I know most if not all of us are guilty of this one. I know for myself personally, sitting outside in the summer and absolutely searing my skin off is one of my favorite activities. And to that I have two words: skin cancer. But alas, the impossible beauty standards are inescapable. Besides, what's the point of getting the vaccine if I can't go out and look good anyway?

Now I understand the newness of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the mix of emotions people have towards it, but let's try not to forget the risks we take literally every day. Those situations with chances of danger being almost as high as a whole 0.00009 percent.

## Taylor Swift's re-released album sparks nationwide breakups



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Following Taylor Swift's re-release of her second album "Fearless (Taylor's Version)", women in their twenties have abruptly left their significant others to fully immerse themselves in the heartbreak outlined through Swift's lyrics.

Something about trading out a juice box for a glass of wine while screaming "You're Not Sorry (Taylor's Version)" is super satisfying. The only thing missing is the shattered heart to seal the deal, but if Swift can re-

record all of her albums as a huge "screw you" to her old record company, fans decided they can take one for the team and get out of their long-term relationships to honor Swift and her art. However, other Swifties were persuaded in the process of re-experiencing Swift's art.

"After listening to 'That's the Way I Loved You (Taylor's Version)' for the first time, I realized my current boyfriend is actually the most bland, boring person I have ever met," Shay Low '21 said. "I need just a little toxicity in my life, which I didn't understand when I was 11. My most tumultuous

relationship was when I was in middle school when my ex-boyfriend came crawling back in seventh grade after dumping me the year prior right before the sixth grade formal."

Low seems like she's maybe still not completely over that one, but Dee Pressing '22 is definitely in need of some therapy over her high school heartbreak.

"Taylor said I'll do things greater than dating the boy on the football team back when I was 15 years old, but I really haven't if we're being honest," Pressing said. "But the only thing worse than reliving my lost love with the high

school quarterback is currently dating someone who was a mediocre running back in high school who 'should have gone D1.' So yeah, I guess you could say 'Fifteen (Taylor's Version)' changed my life."

Over 70% of those doing the breaking up over the past week have cited this album as the reason, but their abandoned beaus are furious. If this sounds like you, those personally impacted are filing a class action lawsuit against everyone's favorite all-stars. For all you fans out there worried about this, fear not — Swift will just re-release the lawsuit in order to reclaim it.



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Nicole Kronth '23 is a prime example of the importance of maintaining wariness — she tested positive for the virus even after receiving her vaccine. "I got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on April 2 and started to experience symptoms of COVID-19 on April 10, subsequently testing positive on the 12th. My vaccine was not fully functional and I was still able to contract the virus within the two-week period," Kronth said.

Especially with COVID-19 cases on campus increasing daily, it is imperative for the student body to continue following the protocols that are in place — whether vaccinated or not.

Despite these qualifications, however, many students remained excited for what they see as the onset of a "return to normalcy." Katelyn Collins '23 noted that she was "optimistic that as more students take the action of getting vaccinated, we will start to see the effects and Bucknell will be able to return to normal sooner rather than later," adding, "I feel like I did my part by getting vaccinated and I feel safer on campus knowing that I am better protected to some degree."

Many students share this positive sentiment and although cases continue to rise in the "second wave" to rock campus this semester, the number of students taking action to prevent the spread of the virus through vaccination is also increasing. Administrators seem to hope that if students follow safety precautions and schedule vaccinations, the University will be able to finish out these last few weeks of the semester on a high note.

## Senior class tribute plots new patio space outside of Swartz

Bob Feeney  
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In an email last week, University senior class president Stuart "Kip" Hallagan, announced the plans for the Class of 2021 Senior Tribute. This tribute, an outdoor paved seating and small gathering space outside of Swartz Hall, will allow students to congregate in a communal space in a central area of campus. The patio will face Coleman Hall Drive and be in close proximity to the Malesardi Quadrangle, another central gathering space on campus. In the email sent announcing the plans, Hallagan said, "We envision this space will mirror the success of the seating area found in the RIK quad."

Attached to the email were depictions from the viewpoint of Coleman Hall Drive and an aerial view of the future patio space which will be filled with tables and the classic University blue

and orange Adirondack chairs.

In his announcement to the class, Hallagan continued that, "while many tributes look towards the needs of seniors, the addition of a communal space outside Swartz will allow for First Year students to connect with each other in close proximity to their residence within a beautiful outdoor space."

The patio's placement outside of Swartz Hall, a residential building that houses first-years along with a small number of upperclassmen, makes one more site of possible future socializing, and one where the building of community can take place. This year's class tribute mirrors the intent and purpose of last year's class project, a fire pit located near the University farm, both projects sought to provide current and future students with a communal outdoor space located on campus.

After a year in which cir-

cumstance has forced many gatherings outdoors to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the added space from both this year's and last year's class tributes offer more flexibility to the University community when working to continue safe social activities. "In a time when outdoor gathering spaces are at a premium, this senior class gift will be very popular with students both now and for many years to come," Associate Director of Building Maintenance and Projects Brian Fritz said. "The concept brought to Facilities by the senior class was well conceived and presented in a very professional and thoughtful manner. The senior class representatives were a pleasure to work with and provided excellent feedback throughout the process."

Thanks to the senior class, this new space will add to the University's residential and campus life, paving the way for future experiences.

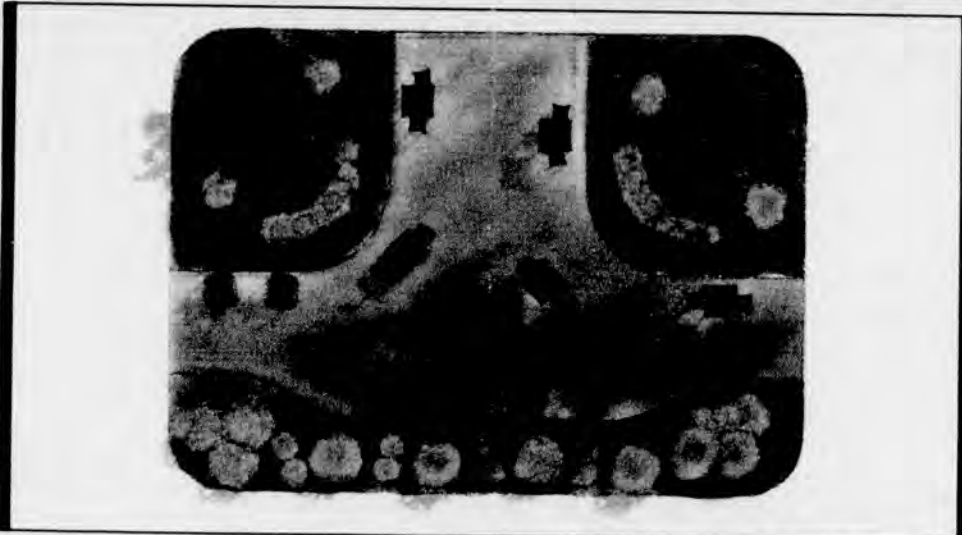


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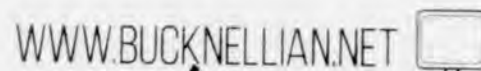
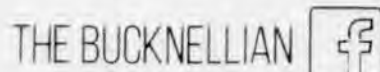
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## 10 specific excuses for getting out of things now that you can't blame COVID

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**Pfizer Themed:** Your custom Pfizer visor hasn't come in yet.

**Pros:** You now have an excuse to buy a visor from big pharma. This one builds anticipation for when you eventually do go out.

**Cons:** You look a little pretentious.

**Moderna Themed:** There wasn't enough engagement on your vaccine card Instagram. You need some time to reset emotionally.

**Pros:** A real issue, hope you get through it. Nobody's going to argue with you.

**Cons:** Makes you look a little bit like a fool.

**AstraZeneca Themed:** You're the first person to ever get the AstraZeneca vax, so scientists are watching your every move.

**Pros:** Nobody will ever push back on this — getting an AstraZeneca vax is unheard of. You're so off-brand, you're so different.

**Cons:** You have an off-brand vaccine.

**Excuses for Frat Parties:** You're allergic to the metal that Kegs are made of.

**Pros:** There's universal appeal to this excuse; it can be used anywhere, anytime. Also, it makes you quirky/different, so you'll still seem cool. Guys won't question you on it, as most of them are in management or accounting anyway.

**Cons:** The occasional engineer will try to fight you on it. They might offer you a few lukewarm White Claws retrieved by a pledge. Might come back to bite you when you end up going out the next week.

**Seeing people play beer die triggers your vertigo.**

**Pros:** Gets you out of any party. You'll never have to Google the rules to die.

**Cons:** You'll probably get offered a spot in flip cup or pong instead. You might get stuck making weird small talk with the people waiting their turn.

**Dua Lipa killed your great aunt, so hearing any of her music**

brings up bad memories.

**Pros:** Guarantees you won't have to go to any party. Works as a cool story to eliminate small talk.

**Cons:** Her lawyer will hunt you down. Her significant Twitter following will find those old tweets you posted when you were 12 and cancel you.

**Excuses for Improv/A Capella Shows**

**You met your freshman year boyfriend in Coleman, so you don't want to go back.**

**Pros:** Makes people think you're mature enough to have had serious relationships. Insinuates you meet people in class, which makes you cultured.

**Cons:** You can never take a humanities class again. You can't use it to get out of Poli Sci events in Ac West.

**You were given attention as a child, so you don't really see the appeal.**

**Pros:** Cool flex — gives you a sense of superiority. Makes parents happy they did something right.

**Cons:** It's a lie.

**You can't come because it reminds you of the street performers from your study abroad in Barcelona.**

**Pros:** Have I told you about that semester I spent in Barcelona? It changed my life.

**Cons:** You have to earnestly pronounce the "th" in Barcelona.

**Bonus Vague Excuses:**

**You're scared of the dark.**

**Pros:** This is a valid excuse.

People who say adults shouldn't be scared of the dark are lying to themselves. How do you sleep with your toes peeking out of the blanket; are you not scared of the monsters? What about that weird sound that's coming from the bushes at 2 a.m. when you're walking back from the bar alone?

**Cons:** People will look at you weird.

**You have a big day tomorrow!**

**Pros:** You don't. You'll wake up at 10, scroll through Tik Tok for an hour, and then get Dunkin'.

**Cons:** Vague enough that nobody will ever question you.

## Is online shopping or coffee more addictive?

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For students at the University, the student mail room is equipped with a bunch of handy features that make your mail experience as flawless and enjoyable as possible. They have lockers that open when you present the QR code that was sent to your phone to inform you that you have a package, and they also have a feature where you receive a text when your package is placed into one of these lockers. Students have reported that their serotonin and dopamine levels skyrocket when they get that text from the 888 area code with an attached description of which row to find the appropriate locker containing your package.

The rows of lockers are all named after traits, such as Ambition and Passion. "They should've called each row something cooler, like Vivacious or Funky or Affable," Kate Column '21 said. "That's my only complaint. Otherwise, the mail facility is perfect."

It is universally understood by all students that the sensation when you receive a package is addictive, which has actually caused some students to succumb to online shopping addictions.

"I literally can't stop ordering my groceries on Amazon Prime," Ki Locke '23 said. "Instead of driving the mile to Giant to buy them myself, I'd much rather have them shipped from Amazon so I can go get a package. It's literally the best feeling ever. It's way better than coffee."

Locke's comment has become the spark of a controversial debate, emerging among students at the University. The debate aims to answer the question, "Is online shopping or coffee more addictive?"

"Nothing feels better than drinking my first coffee of the day from my favorite line beverage establishment, the Dunkin' Donuts on Route 15," Kay Latte '22 said. "Coffee has never once failed me in preparing for exams, doing homework or just finding the energy to get out of bed when I'm hungover. It really is the nectar of the gods."

Some say that getting a package is better than sex, regardless of what the package is, thanks to the University's student mail room features, while some argue coffee has always been and will always be superior, especially when it's from the library. My personal opinion is that getting a package is one of the top two best things ever and it isn't second.

## Worried about summer? Here's a few tips to prepare your summer body for that hot, hot sun.



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHICS ARTIST

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**Coffee**

Listen, before I say anything else, most drugs are bad. However, coffee, which has caffeine, is good. Despite that, drinking coffee black is for maniacs and there are no exceptions to that. One more thing, just for the record — coffee isn't considered an "additive" to mix with that Monster Energy sludge. I don't want to hear it, Todd, you foolish buffoon.

**Sleep**  
Sleep may not sound pretty exciting, but in our culture of wishing we didn't exist, sleep is perfect for embracing death without the commitment. Besides that, it uses up 50 calories

an hour. While calorie counts are different for everyone, we believe that with a proper 13 hours of sleep a day, you too could sculpt your body like cows at a meat factory. Just ask Todd. He eats cows all the time.

**Just Embrace Yourself Already**

Technically, if you're on the beach, any kind of body is a beach body. Just go out there and have a good time. What's the worst that could happen? People throw fruit at you? Free fruit! People call you fat? Just sit on them! Odds are, nobody is going to criticize you more than yourself, so you can rest easy knowing that other people aren't going to put you through the ringer. Todd might, though. I'd watch out for him.

**Alternative Medicine**

While this is a vague term ranging from marijuana to frankincense, it is certainly an option. Thousands of websites are lying to you and saying that using frankincense loses weight, like I'm doing now, but you know what? I'm honest. Frankincense smells wonderful, but does it make you lighter? Since the aroma the frankincense gives off goes up from the filtrator, is it able to reach your nostrils and brain much faster. To put in another context, is a bird lighter when it flies versus when it is grounded? For the sake of the argument, I will give a definitive yes. It's similar to ducks. Did you know ducks are lighter when they float on water compared to when they dive under for food?

Ducks can increase their mass at any time. Todd told me so.

**Exercise**  
While I will always consider this a last resort in all possible scenarios, there is always exercise. Not to be confused with exorcists (no, the weight is not a "demon"), exercise is similarly painful and far less effective (and addictive, that's for sure) than the other methods listed here. Exercise often takes weeks or months of routine suffering to achieve body goals. Oftentimes, these goals are hopelessly unrealistic, as I learned trying to sculpt my dwarf-like pudge-stomach into a sextuplet of washboard abs. Damn you Todd and your seven-pack. He's always one-upping me.

## Things more dangerous than the Johnson & Johnson vaccine

Sarah Petnuch  
Staff Writer

**PSA:** This is not meant to discredit the severity of a blood clot nor undermine the pain experienced by those affected.

COVID-19 vaccines are a very hot, as well as very controversial, topic of conversation nowadays. To get the vaccine or to not get the vaccine, that is the question. And if so, which one? There is the classic Pfizer and the edgy Moderna, as well as the up-and-coming AstraZeneca. One of the vaccines, Johnson & Johnson, has been getting a lot of unwanted attention because it has caused blood clots in a whopping six out of 6.8 million people that have received it. Which is about 0.00009 percent. Not to mention that all six of these people were

women between the ages of 18 and 48 that could have been on birth control, which is known to cause blood clots... but that's a story for another time, perhaps when discussing the lack of concern surrounding women-specific health care (just kidding, we'll never talk about that).

Anyway, Johnson & Johnson decided to recall their vaccine. A wise choice to avoid any negative press. It's kind of interesting, though, that we are so afraid of this vaccine with such minimal risk, even though there are so many things (some of which we have probably done) that are much more dangerous than the 0.00009 percent chance that you may get a blood clot. Some of those things include:

1. Going on a three-day bender with minimal pure water

and zero whole foods

Also known as any college student's average weekend. I'm pretty sure beer has water in it though, so that's a saving grace.

2. Getting in a car

They say that 77% of drivers have been in a car accident. Now think about how often you drive your car, how many close calls you've had, how many times your life has flashed before your eyes. Statistics are statistics, people! However, this risk becomes even more prevalent as a woman. Misogynistic car salesmen increase the chances of women committing homicide by tenfold, and jail seems really scary. Try telling me to get my father's opinion on this used Honda Civic now, Ted.

3. Exiting a building

between the months of May and August

I know most if not all of us are guilty of this one. I know for myself personally, sitting outside in the summer and absolutely scaring my skin off is one of my favorite activities. And to that I have two words: skin cancer. But alas, the impossible beauty standards are inescapable. Besides, what's the point of getting the vaccine if I can't go out and look good anyway?

Now I understand the newness of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the mix of emotions people have towards it, but let's try not to forget the risks we take literally every day. Those situations with chances of danger being almost as high as a whole 0.00009 percent.

## Taylor Swift's re-released album sparks nationwide breakups



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Following Taylor Swift's re-release of her second album "Fearless (Taylor's Version)", women in their twenties have abruptly left their significant others to fully immerse themselves in the heartbreak outlined through Swift's lyrics.

Something about trading out a juice box for a glass of wine while screaming "You're Not Sorry (Taylor's Version)" is super satisfying. The only thing missing is the shattered heart to seal the deal, but if Swift can re-

record all of her albums as a huge "screw you" to her old record company, fans decided they can take one for the team and get out of their long-term relationships to honor Swift and her art. However, other Swifties were persuaded in the process of re-experiencing Swift's art.

"After listening to 'That's the Way I Loved You (Taylor's Version)' for the first time, I realized my current boyfriend is actually the most bland, boring person I have ever met," Shay Low '21 said. "I need just a little toxicity in my life, which I didn't understand when I was 11. Most tumultuous

relationship was when I was in middle school when my ex-boyfriend came crawling back in seventh grade after dumping me the year prior right before the sixth grade formal."

Low seems like she's maybe still not completely over that one, but Dee Pressing '22 is definitely in need of some therapy over her high school heartbreak.

Taylor said I'll do things greater than dating the boy on the football team back when I was 15 years old, but I really haven't if we're being honest," Pressing said. "But the only thing worse than reliving my lost love with the high

school quarterback is currently dating someone who was a mediocre running back in high school who 'should have gone DI.' So yeah, I guess you could say 'Fifteen (Taylor's Version)' changed my life."

Over 70% of those doing the breaking up over the past week have cited this album as the reason, but their abandoned



# BIZPITCH: SPARKING CREATIVITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## WHAT IS BIZPITCH?

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BizPitch is a startup business competition for student entrepreneurs at the Univer-

sity. Students are given the opportunity to present early stage ideas for new products, services or startups to a panel of alum judges to gain funding for their projects—similar to

the famous reality show Shark Tank. Contestants connect with advisers to guide them through the competition and gain access to Startup Lewisburg, also known as the Entrepreneurs

Incubator, a part of Bucknell's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Startup Lewisburg provides office space in downtown Lewisburg for all levels of membership.

## SBDC SERVICES

BizPitch is directed by SBDC, which works to provide entrepreneurs with the knowledge and skills needed to start a successful business through workshops and educational events. SBDC provides free consulting and guidance to clients. Through a partnership with the College of Engineer-

ing, SBDC offers Engineering Development Services to help student entrepreneurs bring a new product to the market.

Steven Stumbris from Bucknell SBDC offers his advice on entering the entrepreneurial sphere. "If you have an idea, or you're working on developing that idea, don't be

held back by that. Know that there are resources at Bucknell—myself, my team, your professors, your classmates, your friends—who will give you feedback and in the case of the SBDC bring resources to you as an entrepreneur to help you develop." Stumbris goes on to say that "even if you ap-

ply and you may not happen to be one of the finalists for this program, don't let that be the finish line right there. Continue to reach out to the SBDC. Many, many other resources for entrepreneurship at Bucknell can help you far beyond the first application date or the BizPitch competition."

## THE COMPETITION

To compete in BizPitch, students must create a pitch introducing a proposed, new or recently launched product or service. According to the website, the presentation should convey an innovative and marketable concept or venture in a concise, compelling fashion. Students are encouraged to use slides, demonstrations and other presentation materials. Application processes occur during each spring semester.

with the deadline typically closing on Apr. 1. The competition is open to all full-time undergraduate students. Presenters must be students of the University; however, non-students are eligible to join teams. Each team must be at least 50% owned or founded by University students. The judges assess the pitch based on five categories: problem, market, innovation, feasibility and delivery. 7,000 dol-

lars in prizes are awarded to the teams in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place; a "Fan Favorite" prize of \$1,000 is also awarded through live voting during the final event.

Camillo Lazarczyk '21 won BizPitch in 2017 for his comfort accessory product for sling bags called "Shoulder Savior," which can now be found in a couple dozen stores in New Jersey. Lazarczyk said that "the experience

was really awesome and connected me with a lot of amazing alumni and really inspired me to continue pursuing entrepreneurship after graduation." He also gave some advice for pitching: "Visual storytelling and having a narrative is definitely really important, to try and build a beginning, middle, and end to your story... the story can be created for your product as you develop your idea."

## THE JUDGES

This year's alumni judges are Kevin Takarada '02, Caroline Freedman '00, and Frank Davis '82. Takarada combines his love for Japanese culinary traditions and culture with his successful career in mechanical engineering to create his sushi bar MakiMaki, which has two locations in

NYC. The restaurant uses sushi robots to streamline production while maintaining quality. Prior to his culinary career, he received his masters degree in mechanical engineering, worked for Honda, Johnson & Johnson, and Mishuo, a Japanese investment bank.

Caroline Freedman is

the founder and CEO of an award-winning line of baby and toddler foods sold nationwide in thousands of stores. She sold her brand to a private equity firm in 2019 and joined Ceresa, a technology based start-up in Austin. Frank Davis is the President, CEO, and founder of the Horizon Group of

Companies, an award-winning technology firm with clients including Honda Worldwide, The Volkswagen Group, Hyundai, and The Southern Company. He is a twice published author, a continuous improvement consultant, and a diversity advocate and member of the Bucknell Board of Trustees.

## THE COMPETITORS

This year, the BizPitch competition is down to four teams: The STEM Diaries, gARments, Brave Beyond BISP and CONCH. The STEM Diaries is created by Emily Bayuk '21, an Electric Engineering major, and its mission is "powering the future of women in science, technology, engineering, and math." gARments is created by Mark Rogmkin '21 and Anurag Vaidya '21, both Biomedical Engineers, and it aims to "increase retail small business sales with an

augmented-reality shopping experience. Brave Beyond BISP (Benazir Income Support Program) is created by Chanze Ahsan '22, an Economics and Philosophy double major, and its mission is "empowering women one skill at a time." CONCH is created by Chris Lagana '21, Ethan Dunne '21 and Mateo Conde '21—Lagana is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Dunne and Conde are majoring in Computer Engineering—and it is a mobile concierge serving link-

ing people with places.

Lagana speaks about his experience, "Being able to work with the business consultant through the SBDC and go through a real business pitch has been an experience of a lifetime. I gained invaluable advice and experience that I'll take with me as I bring my App to fruition. I'm excited to be able to get started with some money in our bank account and help with the startup costs. Thanks to everyone who participated and gave us ad-

vice along the way!"

All finalists presented their final "BizPitches" on Wednesday, Apr. 21. The event was held virtually for the first time, and it was live streamed through Facebook and YouTube so that all family and friends could support their favorite student entrepreneurs.

The winners are:  
gARments - 1st place  
The Stem Diaries - Runner up  
Conch - Fan Favorite  
Brave Beyond BISP - Change Maker

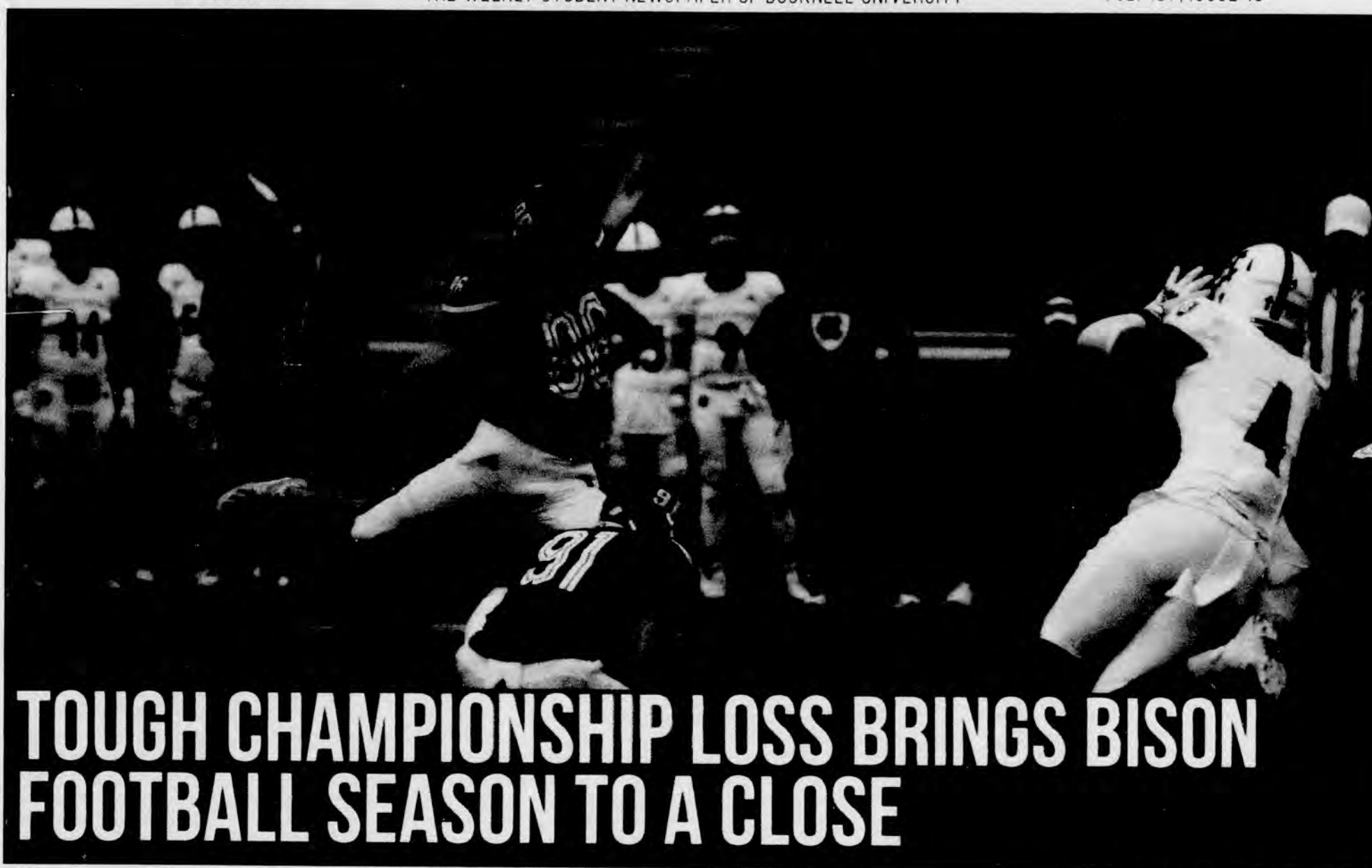


# BUCKNELLIAN SPORTS

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## TOUGH CHAMPIONSHIP LOSS BRINGS BISON FOOTBALL SEASON TO A CLOSE

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Ethan Torres '21 attempts a field goal in the Patriot League Championships.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MEN'S TENNIS**  
VS COLGATE ON APR 23  
AT 11 AM  
**PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT ON APR 24**  
**TRACK AND FIELD**  
@ LEHIGH ON APR 24 ALL DAY  
**WOMEN'S GOLF**  
PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ON APR 24 ALL DAY  
**WOMEN'S ROWING**  
VS CONNECTICUT ON APR 24  
AT 9 AM  
**SWIMMING AND DIVING**  
PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ON APR 24 AT 10 AM  
**MEN'S GOLF**  
VS LEHIGH AND COLGATE  
ON APR 24 AT 11 AM  
**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
@ ST BONAVENTURE ON  
APR 24 AT 12 PM  
**SOFTBALL**  
@ LEHIGH ON APR 24 AT 12 PM AND 2 PM  
**MEN'S LACROSSE**  
AT LEHIGH ON APR 24 AT 12 PM  
**BASEBALL**  
AT LEHIGH ON APR 24 AT 12 PM AND 3 PM  
**FIELD HOCKEY**  
PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ON APR 24 AT 1 PM  
**WOMEN'S WATER POLO**  
VS ST FRANCIS ON APR 24  
AT 1 PM  
**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**  
VS ARMY ON APR 24 AT 2 PM

Cat Jamison  
Contributing Writer

A cloud appeared over Christy-Mathewson Memorial Stadium this past Saturday, April 18, in the form of the Crusaders. The Bison went head to head with reigning Patriot League champion, Holy Cross, in their first championship game since 1996. Unfortu-

nately, the Bison struggled to score and defend the Crusader's aggressive offense resulting in a 33-10 loss.

The Crusader's gained momentum in the first quarter with a 17-0 lead. At the end of the first half, the Bison secured a touchdown. However, in the second half the Crusader's defense dominated with multiple interceptions resulting in

touchdowns. Even with a Bucknell field goal, it was too difficult for the Bison to recover.

In the four-time All-Patriot League selection Simeon Page's '21 last game as a Bison, he had a game-high of 10 tackles and attained the school record of career sacks of 26.5. When asked about his Bison football career, he stated that "playing

football has taught me just as much about life as it has football. I wouldn't trade a moment of time that I have spent here for anything else. I'll never forget the people I met, experiences I went through, and memories that I made."

Despite the loss, the Bison had a remarkable season. P.J. Barr '21 is "confident that this program is in great

hands moving forward based on the foundation this senior class built, and can't wait to see where the program goes from here." He also "fully expects this team to be champions in the near future."

With promising underclassman and a newfound drive, the Bison football team is expected to continue to accomplish great things next fall.

## Softball struggles in return to play

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The Bison softball team got their first opportunity to compete in 12 days since their rain cancellation at Coppin State last weekend, but it tragically did not go as planned. Wrapping up a tough winless weekend, the Bison were unable to capitalize on key opportunities, allowing Boston University to steal four very close games.

Saturday began as the Bison fell to Boston 2-1 in a game that went right down to the wire. Even though the first Bison hit was finally found in the sixth inning, a sacrifice fly cashed in a run to cut Boston's two run lead in half. The Bison then had another opportunity in the seventh with the bases loaded, but were cut

short due to a strikeout and two ground outs.

The second game was more of the same as the Bison bats struggled and the Terriers were able to run away with a 2-1 lead right after Taylor Wolfgang '21 had tied the game 1-1 in the bottom of the sixth.

Sunday started with another close loss as the Terriers jumped out with a three-run lead, coming in two runs in the third and one in the sixth. The Bison had bounced back with two runs in the bottom of the seventh, and even had the tying run on base.

Unfortunately, the winning run was left stranded on base due to a groundout. A weekend-high seven hits had kept the Bison in the game, but eleven runs were left on base. The final game of the weekend had ended in a Bi-

son loss as they fell to the Terriers 3-2 yet again.

Boston had again jumped out to an early lead leaving the Bison trying to catch up after falling behind 3-0 by the fifth. The Bison responded the very next inning posting two runs in the sixth, but couldn't rally in the seventh.

Even though Sunday's games showed improvement for the Bison bats, it still was not enough to prevent a sweep from the Terriers. Nicole Rivait '22 finished the weekend going 4-for-9 and Chase Knapp '23 finished 4-for-12 going 2-for-3 in Sunday's final game.

The Bison are looking forward to their next opportunity at Patriot League play as they travel up the Bethlehem, Pa. to take a shot at Lehigh's Mountain Hawks on Saturday and at home on Sunday, April 25.

## Women's water polo goes 2-0 on the road

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The Bison women's water polo team finished its regular season with two big wins against Mount St. Mary's and St. Francis (Pa.) last weekend. With a 20-3 victory over Mount St. Mary's and a 14-9 win over St. Francis, the team advances to 7-3, and clinches the second seed in the CWPA Championships.

The Bison scored 13 of the 14 opening goals, granting them a huge lead over Mount St. Mary's in their first matchup last Saturday. Ally Furano '21, Kali Hyham '21, Olivia Dey '24, and Isabelle Monaghan '24 all contributed to the first six goals of the matchup, giving the Bison momentum and Dey her first career goal.

The Bison finished the first half at 13-1 and continued cruising in the second half to a 20-3 win. Monaghan and A. Furano led the way with five goals each, followed closely by Hyham, who found the back of the cage four times. Paige Furano '22 contributed four goals, four assists and five steals in the victory for the Bison.

The Bison kept their momentum going in the rematch against St. Francis, and it was the Furano sisters who teamed up to do the most damage for the Bison this time. A. Furano scored seven goals in the victory and P. Furano scored three goals,

and added a career-best of six assists for nine points.

The Bison found themselves trailing the Red Flash 3-2 early on after the first quarter. However, the Orange and Blue found its offensive rhythm in the second period, scoring six goals and securing the lead for the rest of the game. Although the Red Flash would not go away quietly, the Bison battled the entirety of its matchup. St. Francis was able to pull within one, 8-7, in the third period, but two big goals from A. Furano restored the Bison with a three goal advantage at the end of the third.

The Furano sisters accounted for 10 of the Bison's 14 goals, while Hyham, Monaghan and Bella Movnihan '23 also scored.

"It was really exciting to end conference play on a high note going 2-0 this weekend. It gave our team the boost of confidence we needed going into championship weekend at Michigan," A. Furano said on the weekend.

"We are really excited to use the momentum of this past weekend's 2-0 league competition for championships this weekend," Marcella Herrera '21 said.

The Bison now look ahead to competing in the CWPA Championships this weekend at the University of Michigan on April 24.

## Women's lacrosse handed loss against No. 11 Loyola

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Senior Writer

The Bison were on the road at Maryland for a Friday night game against the No. 11 Loyola Greyhounds, resulting in a 20-3 loss. The Orange and Blue currently sit at 3-4 overall, and 3-3 in the Patriot League after being handed their second loss at the hands of the Greyhounds.

The Greyhounds had 11 different players contribute on the scoreboard. The Bison were led by Laurel McFale

'22 as she added two goals on free-position attempts, one ground ball and two draw controls on the night. Kali Peebles '21 netted the other Bison goal, while Lauren Kinnee '21 contributed on the defensive side with six saves and five ground balls.

By halftime, the Greyhounds were leading with an 11-1 score. Offensively, they also led in shot attempts (33-13), shots on goal (26-11), and draw controls (16-8). Although, the Bison came up strong on the ground-ball battle, having the

16-12 advantage.

"We went in with a positive attitude, and we wanted to prove ourselves to the top team in our conference, and the No. 11 team in the nation. Loyola is a strong team. Even though it was a tough loss that didn't go our way, we learned a lot about ourselves as a team. We are ready to make the strides needed to beat Army this weekend," McFale said.

Next stop for the Bison is Army West Point on Saturday, April 24. The game will begin at 2 p.m.



## Women's rowing defeats Delaware

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Senior Writer

The Bison women's rowing team had a competition against the University of Delaware this past Saturday, April 17. Women's rowing hosted the competition here in Lewisburg, on the Shamokin Dam. The Bison were victorious over the Blue Hens with the V8 group and the 2v8 group.

The V8 was guided by coxswain Juliette Gaggini '24. The rest of the members on the boat were Natalie Kreush '22, Erin Sullivan '22, Casey Miller '21, Caroline Brandt '23, Maddie Wickers '23, Olivia Zavrel '21, Elizabeth Berlinger '23 and Caitlin Cobb '21. The eight

of them covered the 2,000 meter course in 5:56.54. This time was nearly 12 seconds faster than the Blue Hens.

"The Varsity 8 had an awesome race against the University of Delaware this past weekend, and they put up a great fight," Wickers said. "We were rowing with the current so it was a speedy race, we took the lead early on and ended up beating them by about 12 seconds in our 2,000 meter race. After this weekend, everyone is excited to race UConn this weekend and hopefully take home another win!"

Team members in the 2v8 group were guided by Caroline Lopez '24. Other members included Chloe Segal '23, Christina DeMola

'23, Katie Slade '21, Kasia Schubert '21, Caroline Keating '22, Olivia Smith '21, Kate Meerscheidt '22 and Meredith Newman '21. The 2v8 group finished their competition with the time 6:16.58, a 10-second win over the Blue Hens.

"Delaware put up a good fight this weekend but it wasn't enough to outrace our boats," Lopez said. "Saturday featured many exciting races and some impressive wins. Can't wait to see where our hard work will take us in these upcoming weeks. Go Bison!"

Women's rowing's next competition will be held at home, on the Shamokin Dam against Connecticut on Saturday, April 24 at 9 a.m.

## Men's tennis' heartbreaker against Lehigh

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The Bison men's tennis team fell to Lehigh on Saturday, April 17 in their sixth home match. The team took the doubles point by winning both first and second doubles. Duo Marwan Abaza '21 (who won Patriot League Tennis Player of the Week the week

prior) and Michael Owen '23 as well as duo Nick Mueller '23 and Tim Zelikovsky '24 defeated their Mountain Hawk opponents 6-2. On court four in singles, Zelikovsky got his second win of the day, defeating his opponent 6-2, 6-3. On court six Sam Yildirimlar '21 fought hard to win his singles match 7-6 (7-5), 5-7, 6-4. The match against Lehigh was the senior

day for Abaza and Yildirimlar, so it was fitting that they each got a win under their belt.

Next, the team will face Colgate in the Patriot League Championships that will take place at Lehigh in Bethlehem, Pa. The Bison had a big win against Colgate earlier this season winning 4-1. If the Bison defeat them again, they will move on to the finals.

## Baseball has successful weekend against navy

Alex Bolinger  
Senior Writer

The Bison baseball team had a great weekend on the baseball field as they took two of three games against the Navy Midshipman. Capturing those two games puts them firmly back into the Patriot League conversation and is the boost that they needed going forward.

The contests started Saturday with a double header that was contentious the entire way. In game one, a few extra innings and a great performance by ace Brenden Tuttle '21 to edge the Midshipman 4-2. In the first outing, Tuttle threw for five innings, recorded eight strikeouts and had zero earned runs. After that, an impressive relief effort by Anthony Casciola '23, meant that the Midshipmen could only bring in two runs the entire afternoon. The game still had to go to extra innings however before it could be decided. The Bison turned up the dial in the top of the ninth inning, scoring three runs to take a 4-1 advantage. One run was added in bottom of the ninth to even the score and after it

was all over the Bison took home a 4-2 win.

The second game of the double header was another thriller, as the Bison held a 5-4 lead going into the eighth inning; however, two runs by the Midshipman in the bottom of the eighth helped carry them to a 6-5 win over the Bison. Game two was marked by an impressive performance by infielder Caleb Broughton '21, who went an impressive 4-5 with two RBIs in the second leg of the double header. Although his personal performance does not make up for the loss, Broughton's performances on Saturday and Sunday earned him Patriot League Player of the Week honors. The Bison went into their Sunday contest against the Midshipman with a split doubleheader and were ready to have a big Sunday.

"I am really proud of the way the boys performed this weekend against a talented Navy squad. We need to continue keeping up this energy as we move into the final few weeks of the regular season," Broughton said.

The final game of the weekend was a stand alone contest in Lewisburg. Sunday's performance was the dominating win that the

Bison needed to end the weekend. In one of the most impressive outings of the season, the Bison used heavy hitting and solid pitching to blow by the Midshipman 10-2. Chris DiFiore '23, the reigning Patriot League pitcher of the week, got the starting nod and performed like an all-league pitcher. In four innings of work he did not allow any earned runs and recorded a strike out. Chris Cannizzaro '22 had the most impressive hitting performance of the afternoon, recording three RBIs on two hits in five appearances at the plate. All around, this was one of the most impressive wins of the season for the Bison and an energy that they want to bring with them for the remainder of the season.

The Bison have only three weeks left of the regular season and are excited to start stringing some wins together. Next weekend they face a familiar Patriot League opponent, Lehigh, in a three game series that kicks off with a double header on Saturday April 24. Currently sitting at 8-16 with an 8-12 Patriot League record, The Bison want to finish the remainder of the season strong as they know they can.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## ALLY FURANO '21 WOMEN'S WATER POLO

### PROFILE

HOMETOWN: STAMFORD, CONN

HIGH SCHOOL: THE URSULINE SCHOOL



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Ally Furano '21 has been a standout for the Bison women's water polo squad since first setting foot in Lewisburg. As the Orange and Blue closed out their regular season schedule this past weekend, earning decisive victories over Mount St. Mary's and Saint Francis, Furano's performance remained vital — she posted a dozen total goals in one day.

Furano started off strong during her first season with the Bison, playing in 29 games and starting 16 of them. She led the team with 60 goals and added 13 assists.

Furano then went on to enjoy breakout sophomore and junior campaigns. As a sophomore, Furano set the school record for goals in a single-season with 123, and points with 178. During her junior season, Furano set the school-record for goals in a single-game, totaling eight on the day. She also became the all-time leader in career goals.

Furano's unmatched work ethic has allowed her to

succeed as one of the top Bison water polo players to ever come through the program. She attributes her dedicated mindset to her family and coaches, explaining that her "parents have instilled the importance of sacrifice and seizing every opportunity, while supporting me throughout my athletics journey. Each of my coaches have pushed me to my limits, challenged me, and taught me valuable lessons of determination, sacrifice, and mental toughness that have allowed me to be the athlete I am today."

Furano has also had the pleasure of competing alongside her sister, Paige Furano '22, who is also a member of the Bison women's water polo team.

"Some of my favorite memories at Bucknell are centered around grueling practice, six-hour bus rides and team bonding activities. Also, being able to compete with my sister for four more years has been an unforgettable opportunity to play together one last time as Bucknell students," A. Furano said.

Given the uncertainty of this past year, A. Furano is

really excited that she was given the opportunity to compete alongside her amazing teammates and her sister for one last season. The Orange and Blue are set to compete next at the CWPA Championships held at the University of Michigan on April 24. Furano is hopeful for the tournament, and looks forward to competing one last time.

"I honestly went into this semester not expecting to even have a season. Being able to compete with my team for one final season means the world to me. I know my fellow seniors and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to play together one last time as Bucknell students."

### CAREER STATS

247 GOALS  
80 ASSISTS  
327 POINTS

## Women's tennis fall twice

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During a weekend of competing both away and at home, the Bison women's tennis team struggled against the Temple Owls and the Navy Midshipmen. The team first traveled to Temple on Saturday and unfortunately lost 1-6. On Sunday, they hosted Navy and suffered a loss 0-7.

The Bison had one doubles win, along with a singles victory by Cayla Koch '21. Koch has yet

to lose in singles play this spring and has played all of her matches on court two. Daniela Bellini '22 played alongside Koch and they won their doubles match. This is the pair's third win together this season, with a win of 6-4. Following this, Tyne Miller '24 and Bellini faced singles losses against the Owls.

The Bison were next at home facing Navy. Being their last home event, senior day was celebrated to honor Koch, Rachel Carroll '21, and Sofia Ayuso '21. Although Koch and

Bellini have been fairly successful as a doubles team, they were unable to win the tiebreaker in their match in the No. 1 spot. The No. 3 doubles team, Chloe Zilkha '23 and Carroll also fell in a tie breaker. Following the doubles was Koch's singles match. Unfortunately, she suffered a 6-0, 6-4 loss, ending her undefeated singles streak.

The Bison will compete April 23 against IUP at home. The day after, they will be traveling to St. Bonaventure, N.Y. to take on the Bonnies.

## Men's lacrosse falls to Robert Morris



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The Bison men's lacrosse team suffered a tough loss to Robert Morris University on Friday night in non-conference action at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. The Bison ship to 2-5 overall for the season, with a 1-4 record in Patriot League play.

In a tight, back and forth defensive battle, the Bison found themselves trailing by three goals at the end of the third quarter. A late-game flurry led by Dutch Furlong '24 (2g-1a) nearly forced the game into overtime, but the Colonials were able to eek out the win.

Defense for the Bison was anchored by Bryant Boswell '21, who caused three turnovers and picked

up multiple ground balls throughout the contest. Alston Tarry '22 recorded three goals, while Jack Feda '23 and Tanner Germain '22 each had one to round out the scoring for the Bison.

The Colonials held a close edge in shots (34-31), faceoffs (10-9) and ground balls (40-29). The Bison will look to rebound on Saturday, April 24 at No. 6 Lehigh.



# BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION



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## The future for student-athletes

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In 2021, the rules of name, image and likeness of college athletics are finally changing. The question of whether student-athletes should be compensated for their athletic performance was taken up by the U.S. Supreme Court in the National College Athletic Association v. Alston case at the end of March. The case evaluated whether the NCAA limits on student compensation violated antitrust laws. The NCAA argues that students are compensated with a (sometimes) free college education, but critics say that athletes routinely miss classes for travel and games, and that athlete graduation rates are significantly lower

than the national average. Moreover, athletes from all across the nation, competing in various leagues like the SEC and C-USA, have earned thousands of dollars to their universities, while they receive nothing in return. Some of these athletes say they struggled to financially support themselves, as their intense sport schedule prevented them from having a campus job.

Though the U.S. Supreme Court is yet to issue a ruling on the case, the College Athlete Economic Freedom Act was introduced by Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy and Massachusetts Representative Lori Trahan, a former volleyball player at Georgetown. This will be the first proposed legislation that

will protect the name, image and likeness of college athletes and instill rights to prospective athletes. This bill follows the state-level legislation that has already passed NIL legislation, a type of law which provides expanded medical coverage and grants athletes the ability to transfer once without penalty. California, Florida, Nebraska, Colorado, New Jersey and Michigan have already passed their NIL laws. Thus, those who attend schools in those states are already benefiting from their state's NIL legislation. This Freedom Act allows for financial opportunities to be pursued without the fear of losing eligibility or scholarships.

But first, why hasn't the NCAA allowed these

athletes to be paid? It all goes back to the origination of the term "student-athlete." The term student-athlete was formed to avoid paying the young people so they would not be considered actual laborers and so the NCAA could avoid paying worker's compensation. The term arose in the 1950s when a football player from Fort Lewis A&M died from a head injury he received while playing football. Since the college was not in the "football business," his family did not receive worker's compensation on his behalf.

How does this change the game for these collegiate athletes? Let's start with one of the most valuable tools any savvy college student has access to:

social media. Social selling refers to students promoting the products or services they use through social media, whether they get paid for it or not. Formerly, companies who sought to market, sponsor or promote their products among college students through social media (more specifically Instagram and TikTok) could not do so with student-athletes because of their affiliation with their university's athletics program. If they choose to move forward with the company, the athlete would have to buy the product or service themselves.

Additionally, many have gotten into the business of YouTube vlogging. Many student-athletes will film videos documenting

what their daily routines look like in a normal practice day or on a game day. There are many opportunities within these videos for a company to promote their own product. For example, the athlete could endorse a product by showing the way they incorporate it into their daily life. Companies such as INFLCR and Apex assist in creating opportunities for student-athletes by creating content to expand their social media reach. Additionally, there are resources to educate them on how to best capitalize on this opportunity. While the results of the Supreme Court case are pending, this could change the game for student-athletes across the country.

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## Derek Chauvin found guilty: A step towards justice

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"Chauvin did exactly as he was trained to do," argued defense attorney Eric Nelson. Since March 8, the trial of Derek Chauvin had been underway, finally concluding this Tuesday with a guilty verdict against Chauvin on all three counts. This is a victory in George Floyd's memory, but the bitter truth is that the trial's verdict has proven to be more of an exception rather than the rule.

George Floyd's murder was a gruesome specter that has hung over the country since May 2020. The video that captured Floyd's death presented a clear example of how brazenly officers abuse their power, showing Floyd pleading for air as Chauvin pinned his neck with his knee, other officers merely spectating. Nelson's opening statement, one that was supposed to defend Chauvin and justify his actions, only served to further reveal how broken the policing institution is.

Thirty-eight witnesses were called by the prosecution over the course of the trial, among these several doctors who testified against the notion that Floyd's death was in any way unrelated to the strain placed on him by Chauvin. The defense had repeatedly attempted to convince the jury that Floyd's death was not caused by Chauvin, but rather by a weak pulmonary system, ingested fentanyl or even carbon monoxide from the police car's exhaust. Yet the doctors who spoke on the stand argued otherwise, and while Dr. Andrew Baker, the chief medical examiner who performed the autopsy on Floyd's body, did not conclude that Floyd died due to asphyxiation, he did argue that Floyd "experienced a cardiopulmonary arrest in the context of law enforcement's subdual restraint and neck compression."

Chauvin invoked his Fifth

Amendment right to not testify during the trial, yet his defense made a sweeping effort to characterize Floyd not as a scared black man killed in the street by those who have sworn to protect people, but rather as nothing more than a drug abuser who has a pattern of resisting the law. The defense referred to a 2019 case in which Floyd was stopped and detained by police over a drug charge, with footage showing Floyd panicking and being slow to comply with police demands. Thus, Nelson claimed, showed Floyd lying about being able to breathe and feeling claustrophobic in order to elicit a public response.

Despite the judge requesting that the jury not to apply the testimonies or footage concerning the 2019 arrest as an indication of Floyd's character, the entire defense strategy over the course of the trial has been to defame Floyd and entirely lift the responsibility from Chauvin's blatantly guilty shoulders. The admitted evidence was used to redeem Chauvin in the public eye, that his actions were utterly in line against a man such as Floyd. When Nelson claimed that Floyd panicked during the 2019 arrest, he suggested that it was a veiled attempt to elicit sympathy from onlookers. But the truth is that he was a black man with a gun aimed squarely at him. He wasn't attempting to deceive anyone; he was terrified.

The defense repeatedly argued that the bystanders who witnessed the killing had affected Chauvin's decision process and thus had a role in Floyd's death. They insisted that Chauvin's actions were more than justified in how he pinned Floyd to the ground for nine minutes, even after he was handcuffed and long after he stopped moving. These arguments were irrelevant. Chauvin took matters into his own hands, not apprehending Floyd but instead condemning him to death.

Over the course of this trial, and even preceding it, a clear picture has been painted of a warped perception of reality held by many, one that extends to the police and how they are meant to wield their power. Law enforcement have time and again made it clear that they are more than willing to serve as judge, jury and executioner, particularly when it comes to minorities, and far too many in the public are willing to accept such actions.

This is not a new concept; it has been felt since the earliest days of policing in this country. The manner in which officers are able to escape prosecution or any real form of condemnation is a systemic issue far from being remedied. Rarely do officers reach the point of prosecution that Chauvin has. Too often their actions are overlooked and swept under the rug, with the belief that criminality is being misplaced.

The ease to which law enforcement can circumvent the consequences of heinous police crimes without consequence is the result of policing and judicial systems that do everything in their power to tacitly support those crimes. Investigations against police are overseen by the very police officers they work with. This is compounded by a public support for police allowing them to effectively demonize the black men murdered in the street rather than the officers who killed them. There are just as many who unwaveringly praise the police as there are those marching in Black Lives Matter protests.

When the police can kill a black man and continue their job as if it never occurred, that is just another stitch in the pattern. Chauvin's guilty verdict is an exception to a horrific rule, a tear that will be quickly sewn up if nothing is done about how the police consistently abuse their power, largely with impunity.

## Do your part: Get vaccinated

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With much of our campus community newly eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, the choice to get the shot has never been more prevalent. There is a growing idea that the vaccine is a decision to be made through self-reflection, a personal, private choice. People love to quote "my body, my choice." So why should our choice to get a shot be anyone else's business?

To get personal, I have been employed as a nursing assistant for almost two years at a long term care facility, much of which has been during the coronavirus pandemic. I have watched as men and women cried on their deathbed because they have not seen their families in over a year. I have held up a phone for children to say goodbye to their parents for the last time. I have washed the dead bodies of COVID-19 victims, emaciated after weeks of not being able to eat. Yet, I consider myself lucky. I wasn't praying

over my mother's dead body through the phone, my predominantly white community was not devastated and despite months of work on the front lines, I was healthy. Believing the decision to get vaccinated is a purely personal decision is not only naive, but inherently selfish. The growth of this perspective around campus is reflective of our "Bucknell bubble" mindset — that somehow our actions cannot and do not have far-reaching consequences, especially in at-risk communities. However, real-life consequences of COVID-19 are not simply limited to a two-week hotel stay, three million lives have been lost to this pandemic. The ability to look at the vaccine as only affecting you is equivalent to saying that the pandemic has only affected you. Deciding not to get the vaccine is not making a statement, it is a demonstration of indifference to vulnerable communities. Do not be blind to the destruction this pandemic has caused just because you have been privileged enough to not stare death in the face.

We all have a choice, but it is not a personal one. Returning to normalcy requires us all doing our part to prevent both our own suffering and the suffering of others. We cannot wish for normal, we must work for it. Herd immunity has been scientifically and historically shown to be the only way to end a pandemic. It is how we ended polio, measles and mumps; it is how we will end the COVID-19 pandemic. This isn't new science, despite what the conspiracy theorists may have you think. Nor are there any greater risks of these new vaccines than getting your flu vaccine every fall. Believing you do not need to contribute to the end of this pandemic is exactly the self-centered mindset that will prolong it. It is our duty to contribute to the health and well-being of our communities. So, while you certainly have a choice — it's not just your body at stake.

Visit <https://vaccinatepa.org> for help scheduling a vaccine appointment locally.

## Apple and Facebook battle for consumer tracking transparency

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Apple's new privacy feature implemented in iOS 14.5, their latest update for iPhones, has increased tensions across the tech world. The most publicized new feature is called App Tracking Transparency, which gives users a choice of whether apps can track their individual device. Social media giant Facebook argues that this new update harms the growth of small businesses by limiting their ability to run personalized ads. In contrast, Apple has long argued the necessity of protecting the privacy of the consumer. But if Facebook creates social networks and Apple manufactures devices, why is there a dispute about consumers' privacy? Fundamentally, this fight goes way beyond privacy and will affect the growth of Facebook as an advertising platform. Nevertheless, Apple's model is fair in the

idea that consumers deserve the choice of whether companies should share and sell their personal data.

For years, each Apple product has had an IDFA number — essentially a personalized "advertiser tracking number." The IDFA number assists apps in identifying individuals and helps companies, like Facebook, track what they do on their device. The new update, however, requires by default that apps ask users if they want to be tracked. So, that app will not share a user's IDFA number if the user specifies as much. Facebook's main concern is that most people will likely decide not to be tracked, which in turn impacts the way businesses can personally advertise to its consumers.

Facebook has stated, "Many in the small business community have shared concerns about Apple's software update which will limit business's ability to run personal-

ized ads and reach their customers effectively." Facebook does not charge its users to download the app. Still, they do charge companies to advertise on the platform, so if companies cannot advertise as effectively, Facebook loses money. Apple responded that apps and advertisers can still track users across apps, just as they have before, but will now just be required to have their permission.

Most consumers prefer more to less privacy in their online experiences, a principle which Apple has stood for since its founding in 1976. This update may lessen personalized ads directed toward the consumers, but tracking transparency is critical in a digital age. There is no winner in this battle between two major technological companies, but the obvious winner is the consumer, who now gets a real say in what of their information they want to be shared.

## Pause on J&J Vaccine: All modern medicine comes with risk

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The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine has recently been paused due to cases of six women who experienced uncommon, but serious blood clots after receiving the shot. In extreme caution, federal regulators have halted distribution and have ordered an emergency meeting of experts to determine the severity of the problem. After reviewing these cases, scientists came to the conclusion that these scenarios are extremely rare; however, it is difficult to make a full assessment of clots like these because there have only been six cases reported out of the 7 million people who have received the J&J vaccine.

Overall, the vaccine administration has seen immense success, with about three million shots being given each day. When scientists began working on the vaccine, one main worry was that the public would have hesitancy regarding the legitimacy and contaminants of the vaccine. There has already been hesitancy with people questioning the vaccines' content and side effects, and this new pause of the J&J vaccine is bound to cause even more reluctance. With more and more people weary of the vaccine, it is

possible that COVID-19 infections will surge again.

The Economist recently ran a poll to determine how the public viewed the vaccine. Before the news about the blood clots, 52 percent believed the shot to be safe; however after the news, that percentage dropped to 37 percent. This hesitancy is not just seen in the United States, hesitancy among Europeans also increased after the EU briefly paused, and then reinstated, AstraZeneca's vaccine out of new concerns that it can cause blood clots forming in the brain. This has led to more concerns from the public and less trust in the vaccine. Similarly, a survey evaluating the dominant perspective on the vaccine in eight European countries concluded that after suspending the AstraZeneca vaccine, the percentage of people feeling safe about getting the shot dropped by 11 percentage points. Consequently, Denmark is now the first country to "entirely cease administering" AstraZeneca's vaccine to its population.

According to The Intelligence, even before the news about blood clots from the J&J vaccine came out, polling suggests that some populations have varying levels of hesitancy. From a Kaiser Family Foundation survey,

it found that 55 percent of Black respondents said they wanted the vaccine, and 24 percent were still unsure. On the other hand, rates of distrust and hesitancy remain high amongst Republicans and Evangelical Christians.

It is unclear whether the J&J vaccine pause will end, as scientists have said they need more time to examine the issues around potential side effects. It is very serious and unfortunate that these six women reported blood clots, and it is wise for regulators to meet and discuss with fellow experts on this issue to determine the issue. However it does not mean that there needs to be a vaccine distrust overall. In fact, virtually all modern medicine involves some level of risk. For instance, birth control taken by millions of women also is known to cause rare cases of blood clots. However, it is still taken, because these rare cases do not compare to its overall safety. In order to get back on track with vaccine administration, it is important for public officials to continue to clearly communicate that the COVID-19 vaccine is imperative in reaching herd immunity. Everyone needs to take responsibility and help protect those around them by getting the vaccine.

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## Should the University make the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory?

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Rutgers University is one of the first universities to announce a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirement for the 2021 fall semester. For this statement gave their reason in doing so: "data clearly reflects that students have a 60 percent to 70 percent higher positivity rate than faculty and staff. This is to be expected since they are highly mobile and highly interactive."

Since the inception of the novel coronavirus, higher education institutions have been fraught with the challenge of keeping their students safe. While many turned to fully remote learning, others brought students back to campus by implementing regular COVID-19 testing, face-covering requirements, and social distancing policies. Fortunately, the United States has become closer to achieving herd immunity (thanks to the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines) and looks forward to a post-COVID future. Colleges are relying on the vaccine to return campus to normal, but does that mean the vaccine should be required for students? And similarly, why are colleges willing to mandate what other companies and organizations will not?

So far as many as 17 colleges and universities, including Princeton, Cornell, Yale and American, are requiring a COVID-19 vaccination for students returning to campus

in the fall of 2021. Higher education has a history of requiring vaccinations for students. In fact, the University's Student Health Center requires vaccination for a number of other contagious diseases. As per the Rutgers University statement, with general college student life being "highly mobile and highly interactive," the general consensus of universities nationwide has deemed it necessary to vaccinate against diseases such as Chickenpox and Tuberculosis. With this precedent, many universities see it best to add COVID-19 to the list. The move is a security measure to prevent students congregating in dorms or attending parties from catching and spreading COVID-19. Accordingly, American University President Sylvia Burwell says that requiring vaccinations is necessary for the "[expansion] activities and interactions that enrich the educational, research, and social experiences that are fundamental to AU."

Although these vaccines are proven to reduce the spread and prevent serious hospitalization from COVID-19, many students and parents claim that this is a breach of privacy. Harvard contends that the two most common reasons why students are reluctant to receive the vaccine is due to inaccessibility and distrust within the science and industry distributing the vaccine. Many of the universities rolling out the mandate have included clauses for students with religious

or medical implications to be exempt, although the inclusion of such is seen as a "legal and logistical nightmare." Other states, such as Florida and Texas are pushing back at these mandates, banning any semblance of a "vaccine passport." Therefore, many colleges and universities who have not made the move are waiting for state or student body movement to gauge whether vaccination should be mandatory or not.

So far, University of North Carolina and University of Oregon have already announced they will not be requiring a COVID-19 vaccination in the fall, largely due to pushback from their respective governors. Despite this, many universities are providing incentives and accessibility to vaccination for students. The University is offering exemptions to travel ban policies, quarantine regulation and sequential testing to those who have been vaccinated. Other colleges are going as far to offer financial incentives to those who have received the vaccination come the Fall semester—occasioning a debate on whether such measures are ethical or even necessary. The push to implement COVID-19 vaccination policies in higher education may push other industries to also require it, but still making the vaccination mandatory can be financially, legally and ethically murky. For my Alma Mater, I will respect the wait to make the vaccination mandatory, if it so chooses.

## Trans rights are human rights

Elena Roe  
Staff Writer

The Sunshine State has become a very dark place for trans rights. On April 14, the Florida state House of Representatives added its contribution to a wave of discriminatory legislation that has swept the nation as of late, passing a bill banning transgender athletes from women's sports. The bill is one of 30 others floating in state legislatures across the country, and one of the most controversial to ever appear in Florida's legislative body. If signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis, HB 1475 would allow schools or fellow competitors to file complaints against those they suspect may not have been assigned the female sex at birth. Such a complaint must be resolved via a genetic test/analysis of testosterone levels, or a physical examination of the child's reproductive anatomy. To emphasize: the Florida legislature has attempted to legalize invasive examination of a child's genital organs in schools to further their own transphobic agenda.

While there is much to be unpacked about the unprecedented damage dealt by this legislation, it seems pertinent to begin with the fact that this legislation is comparable to legalized sexual abuse of minors. The physical examination of transgender children is incredibly damaging and invalidating, opening the door for the sexual exploitation of trans children by adults. This is especially chilling considering not only that one of two transgender individuals will experience sexual violence at some point in their lifetime (some reports put this statistic even higher at 66 percent), but that these exami-

nations are done in the name of transphobia disguised as, remarkably, feminism. Republicans, with an abhorrent track record regarding their consistent opposition of policies benefiting women, have made the concept of trans women competing in sports a painfully misguided crusade to "save Title IX"—in the process spewing hateful rhetoric towards an entire group of women, as well as legislation regarding a baseless talking point that is simply not an issue.

The reality of the debate over whether trans women should compete in women's sports is that it is incredibly lopsided in its impact. After the passage of the Florida legislation, reports circulated indicating that only 11 children have applied to compete under the current regulations of the Florida High School Athletics Association. To interpret this statistic, the prophesied "takeover" of women's sports by well, women—though conservatives would invalidate this reality—isn't happening, and never has been. The legislation is useless in its advertised intent because the true intent is to further isolate and harm a community that is already incredibly vulnerable and marginalized. Transgender and non-binary individuals are disproportionately affected as victims of homicide—especially those who are people of color. Among children specifically, the American Academy of Pediatrics reports that more than half of trans male teens, 30 percent of transgender female teens, and 42 percent of non-binary teens have attempted suicide in their lifetime. These children already struggle in abusive, unaccepting homes and face bullying from their peers at school. This kind of legislation is absolutely abhorrent in its ability to tear down the privacy, legal protection

and basic human rights of trans women, as well as its promotion of further violence against the LGBTQ+ community.

Alongside the recent Arkansas legislation banning gender-affirmation care for trans children, this Florida bill makes it clear that the era of Trump-fueled bigotry among conservatives is nowhere close to dying out. Hypocrisy runs rampant, and transgender women are under attack in the name of "saving women's sports." Let's be perfectly clear: feminism must include all women, and transgender women are women. That is an absolute objective fact, backed by the biology transphobic figureheads claim to hold so dear. Forcing transgender girls to compete with boys in athletics is not just incredibly damaging to the mental health and gender affirmation of trans youth; it's an unscientific grab for control. It's an attack on individualism, bodily autonomy and identity, and yet another example where Republicans have proved that they aren't against big government—they are enthusiastic contributors for the sake of their own agenda, and will take every chance they can to enforce their own hateful, power-driven beliefs of the gender-binary. Denying not only participation in sports, but healthcare and basic human rights to an entire group of people simply because they are not cisgender is the gateway to democratic dissolution. Abuse and bigotry cannot be disguised as heroism to fan the egos of those who have only ever dealt oppression, yet never faced it. Intolerance and suppression cannot stand, and it should take much less than threats from the NAACP to cause Florida to think twice—it's a matter of basic humanity.

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# SENIOR SENDOFF: HONORS THESES AND INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Nicole Yeager  
Special Features Editor

For the Class of 2021, these last few months of the spring semester also mark the last few months of their college and academic career. Many seniors are starting to work on their last few papers and projects or getting ready for their last exams. Some seniors are further encapsulating their college education through honors theses and independent projects. These all fall under the Honors Program at the University that is "designed to encourage intellectual independence and to recognize academic excellence." According to the Honors Program page on the University's website, the program begins for each student in the year before they intend to graduate.

## THIS YEAR'S HONORS

This year, seniors from various departments — including biology, French, Arabic, women's and gender studies, English and many more — worked hard to formulate their honors theses as a way to take everything they've learned throughout their college career and epitomize it through a specialized, insightful topic they are passionate about.

The Bucknellian interviewed a few of these seniors, as well as their advisers, to learn about their experience and their projects.

### CLAIRE MARTIN '21: NORDIN NOIR

1) *What is your thesis project topic? What are some key takeaways you want people to know about?*

In this research project, I aim to use the genre of Nordic Noir as a framework for understanding the pervasive rape and domestic violence culture that is present in Scandinavia, despite praise for being some of the most gender-equal countries worldwide. In my research, I found a lot of similarities between the rape culture in Scandinavia and the depiction of women in these novels and TV shows. Since the study of literature and culture has been a topic of scholarly discussion for quite a while, I used this idea to try to highlight the underlying gender norms within Scandinavian culture that allow for policies geared towards creating a gender equal society to exist while still having cultural norms and values that perpetuate a prob-

lematic rape culture.

2) *What inspired you to select your topic?*

During my time studying abroad in Southern Denmark during my junior year, I got really close to Danish families, became super familiar with the culture and learned to speak Danish. I also gained a love for Nordic noir crime fiction, which is Scandinavia's most well-known and celebrated genre of entertainment. As a women's and gender studies major, I was also drawn to the Nordic model of government where Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway are consistently rated highly for their gender equality efforts. However, I was completely unaware of the pressing issue of rape and sexual assault that is present within Scandinavia as a whole. It wasn't until my mom sent me an article on the subject that I really started to

look into the problem. What then hit me as I read more and more on the matter were the stark similarities between cultural norms and values that create a culture that has issues with rape and sexual assault and common themes within Nordic noir literature.

3) *What was the best part of completing this? What was the most challenging part? Could you describe the process a bit?*

I really enjoyed working on this project! Not only did I get to reread some of my favorite Nordic noir crime fiction novels, but I also got the chance to study a culture that I have become so familiar with. For me, the most challenging part of this project was trying to figure out how the emergence of something deemed "femi-krimi" Nordic noir (feminist crime Nordic noir) was not actually feminist,

despite the praise that is garnered for finally having strong female leads. After reading a bit of feminist literature on masculinity and the ways in which it can be imposed on the female body, I was able to navigate this confusing part of my research findings.

4) *What department was your thesis project for? Who are the faculty members (or anyone else) who supported you?*

This project was for my women's and gender studies senior culminating experience seminar. Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Erica Delsandro was the professor for this class. Professor Delsandro really helped me to hone in on my topic, edited my writing, and gave me great recommendations for readings and sources that could potentially help me along the way. She was so supportive throughout the

entire process and believed in me and my project even when I was unsure and just straight up confused.

5) *How do you feel about this thesis project in relation to the rest of your college education experience?*

I think this project is really the direct result of the interdisciplinary nature of the women's and gender studies department here at Bucknell, where I have had the privilege of learning about issues with an intersectional and feminist lens. I've been taught to take the frameworks and theories that have been crucial to our class discussions, outside of the women's and gender studies department, and into my other classes and outside life. Without this new mindset for understanding the way we as a society interact with social identities such as race, gender, socioeconomic class and sex-

ual orientation, I would never have even thought to do this research project.

Delia Hughes '21 also presented her Women's and Gender Studies honors thesis last week. Her project was on the impact of Language and Sex Education on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Youth, and her advisor was also Delsandro. Hughes shared that "this project was an awesome to finish out my WMST major and college career because we got to pick the topic, and I learned a ton throughout the writing and researching process." This being said, she also shared that the project was challenging and emotionally taxing at times. "Learning so much about queer youth mental health can be overwhelming, especially because I relate to the topic and feel so passionately about it," Hughes said.

### JON HAYES '21: "GENETIC DIVERSITY & CONNECTIVITY"

1) *What is your thesis project topic? What are some key takeaways you want people to know about?*

This project uses genomic analyses to better understand the population dynamics of a rare native plant in Pennsylvania to better inform conservation. This species, *Chasmanthium latifolium*, is commonly referred to as River Oats because it is found along rivers and steam. My research found that all populations appear to be genetically healthy; however, conservation efforts should focus more on eastern

populations, as these populations appear to be genetically isolated, which places them under greater concern.

2) *What inspired you to select your topic?*

I am a biology major and have always been interested in research. I had the opportunity to join David Burpee Professor in Plant Genetics & Research Chris Martine's lab, which did botany research in the Summer of 2019, and pursue this project shortly after joining. This project gave me a chance to conduct research and gain experience in laboratory procedures, while

also having an impact on conservation, which has always been a big part of my life.

3) *What was the best part of completing this? What was the most challenging part? Could you describe the process a bit?*

It was really rewarding to finish up this project, as it will have an impact on the conservation of this native grass. The thesis was a great way to finalize everything from my research project before leaving Bucknell. While this was time-consuming work, the most challenging part was dealing with time

constraints that delays from COVID-19 caused. My work on this project was to extract and purify DNA from collected plant samples, assess quality and prepare for sequencing. I sent samples out for DNA sequencing at an external facility, which was delayed several weeks during the pandemic. Following DNA sequencing, I worked to analyze the dataset to figure out the population genetics of the species. Through the thesis process, I've created a manuscript to submit for peer review in the coming months after more revisions. This

project has also given me the chance to apply to several research grants and I ended up being awarded three different grants!

4) *What department was your thesis project for? Who are the faculty members (or anyone else) who supported you?*

My thesis was in the biology department, and my faculty advisors were Dr. Chris Martine & Dr. Tanisha Williams.

5) *How do you feel about this thesis project in relation to the rest of your college education experience?*

This was an amazing opportunity to culminate the things I've learned from previous coursework by conducting research on a project I am passionate about. This work has given me the opportunity to learn a lot about the scientific process, gain experience in laboratory methods, improve my scientific writing through the thesis as well as writing several grant proposals. I feel like research is a great way to apply the things you learn in class, with a meaningful outcome while still being a student.

### GARI EBERLY '21: "SYNTHESIS"

1) *What is your thesis project topic? What are some key takeaways you want people to know about?*

Synthesis is a scientifically-aware collection of poetry that explores how gender relations and race amalgamate to impact the maturation of an individual. Employing both sonnet and computer code, I reflect on my experiences as a mixed-raced girl growing up in central Pennsylvania, my growth

through several romantic relationships and how I currently navigate male-dominated spaces as a woman.

2) *What inspired you to select your topic?*

As someone who is passionate about both poetry and science, I was interested in how I could bridge these topics in a collection of scientifically-aware poetry. My collection, Synthesis, is my attempt to bridge the gap between poetry and science.

3) *What was the best part of completing this? What was the most challenging part? Could you describe the process a bit?*

The best part of completing my project was writing and reading poetry! I loved that I had a project that allowed me the time and space to focus seriously on my poetry. The most challenging part for me was writing the Honors Thesis proposal! Essentially, I

had to persuade the Honors Council that my thesis project was worth pursuing and that I could produce a significant body of work. After my proposal was accepted, I felt immense relief, because at that point I could just focus on my poetry.

4) *What department was your thesis project for? Who are the faculty members (or anyone else) who supported you?*

My department was English - Creative Writing. My

thesis advisor was Assistant Professor of English Katie Hays. Associate Professor of English Chris Camuto, Associate Professor of Spanish Fernando Blanco and Professor of Biomedical Engineering Jim Baish served on my defense committee.

5) *How do you feel about this thesis project in relation to the rest of your college education experience?*

This thesis feels like the culmination of my educa-

tion both in creative writing and biomedical engineering. I couldn't have completed this project as only a creative writing major, or only a biomedical engineering major. Now that I have a thesis collection, I hope to spend some time in the future submitting my poetry to literary journals and hopefully get published! I'm also participating in the Bucknell Seminar for Undergraduate Poets this June.

### SENIOR ART PROJECTS

Each year, senior art students put together individual projects to be presented at an exhibit in the Samek art gallery. This year, the exhibit revolved around the idea of field notes and how artists have "integrated this methodology into [their] creative practices, producing art inspired by [their] own life experiences that attempts to bring understanding to a complex and quickly evolving world."

Chris Urun '21 shared a bit about his project. "My project was specifically about my relationship with traditional masculinity and femininity and how I respond

to each," he said. "There's one part that is photography based that I made which specifically addresses the pain that comes with a rejection of nonconformity as well as a video that displays the exact opposite. Basically how acceptance and open expression of one's gender nonconformity can and should be fun and accepting." Urun went on to describe the most challenging parts of his project as being "the planning and execution" because both of his works are "performance based which means I can't just redo parts of it. I don't like. I have to create

these works in mostly one go and that is a big issue when shots don't go exactly as planned." Urun's two mentors were Assistant Professor of Art & Art History Jonathan Frey and Professor of Art Tulu Bayar.

All senior art projects are done through the art department. They are intended to be a culmination of all the small aspects students have been learning and working on throughout their college careers. Urun ended by saying, "a lot of the senior art majors have been working super hard so I'd recommend everyone take a look at the Samek Gallery."

### ADVISORS' PERSPECTIVE

One of Eberly's advisors, Hays, says that she "tried most of all to ask helpful questions that would lead Gari forward with her project, which she worked on independently and out of her own initiative." During the past semester, Eberly and Hays conferred on her timeline, on the order and structure she thought would work best for her poetry collection, on her introductory paper and on revisions to individual drafts. "The process of advising this thesis was, for me, invigorating, because Gari's work, intellect and work ethic are all brilliant, and because Gari is so self-motivated and mature," Hays said. "It's been a great pleasure to support her work in this, from start to finish."

Most professors, like Hays, are thrilled to advise students in their senior hon-

ors theses. They help students refine their topic, serve as a sounding board as they develop ideas, offer them resources and theories that strengthen their thesis and, most importantly, support them.

Delsandro served as the adviser for many WSG students this past year. "Being an advisor to students working on senior projects and honors theses is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job. First of all, it is a terrific way to get to know students and cultivate a multifaceted relationship," Delsandro said. Delsandro explained how "the roles shift with honors theses in that instead of the professor being the 'expert,' both professor and student are learning together."

Although a senior project or honors thesis isn't for everyone, it can be a wonder-

ful example of the benefits of a liberal arts education. Furthermore, projects in engineering or physics or economics, which may seem like self-contained fields, demonstrate interdisciplinarity and the interconnectedness of knowledge. "Students doing senior projects or honors theses simultaneously become experts in a particular issue while also gaining intellectual breadth. That is pretty cool if you ask me!" Delsandro said.

For all students and faculty, be sure to check out the last few senior theses presentations throughout the remainder of April. Information can be found through the Bucknell Message Center emails. For sophomores and juniors, it's time to start thinking about proposing a senior thesis to the honors program.

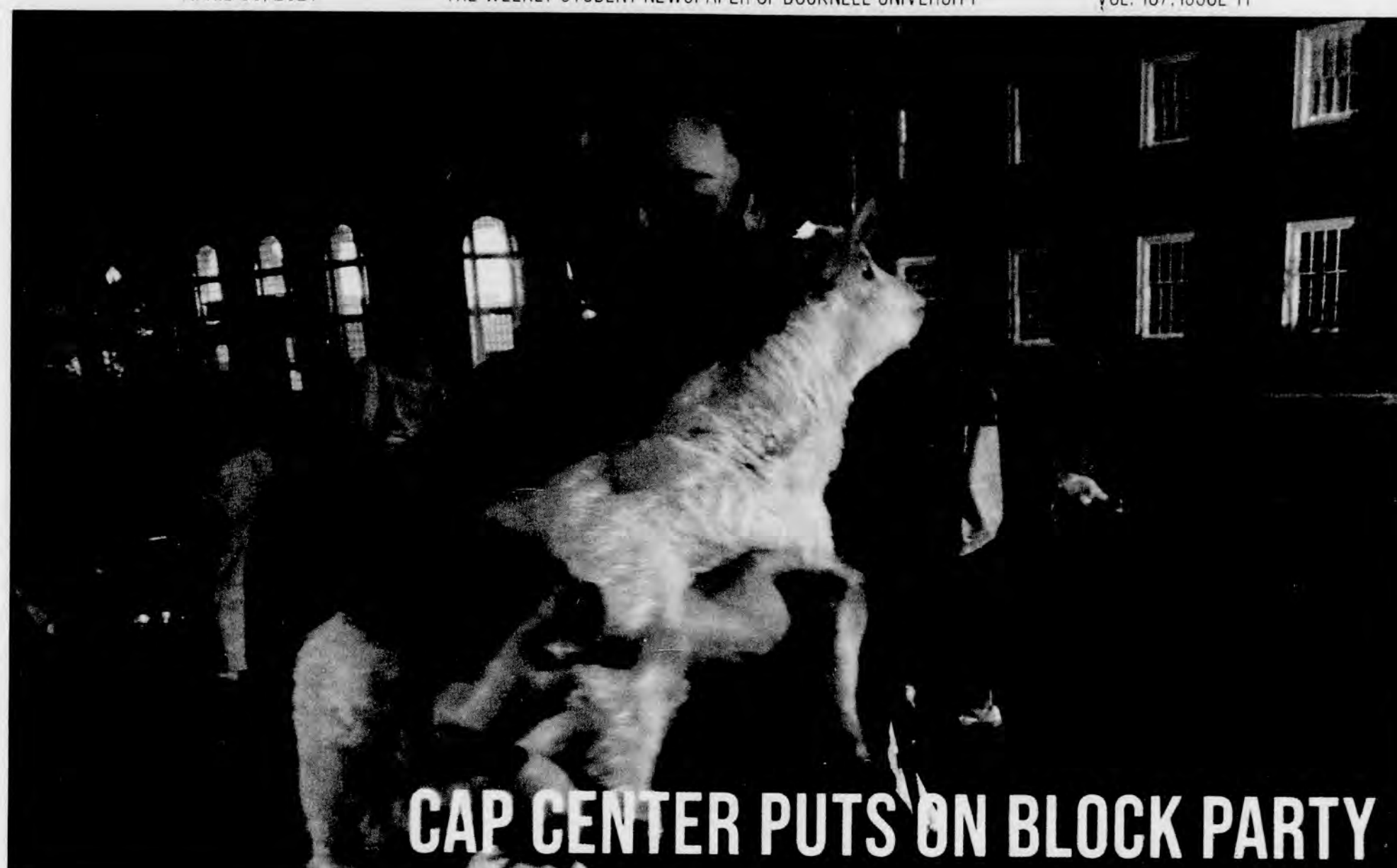


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## CAP CENTER PUTS ON BLOCK PARTY

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Students pose with goats during Goat Yoga at CAP Core's Block Party

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Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

On Friday, April 23, the University hosted Block Party, consisting of a series of fun outdoor activities for students—including 'goat yoga' and a petting zoo. Campus Activities and Programs Core (CAP Core) hosted and executed the Block Party, which lasted from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. that night.

Two sessions of 'goat yoga' classes were held at the

Commons lawn, one at 6:45 p.m. and one at 7:45 p.m. Each session was capped at 50 participants in order to social distance and respect COVID-19 guidelines. The hour long sessions provided students with a time to relax and do yoga, while also being surrounded with baby goats. The goats were friendly, climbing on students during the yoga, and students also had the opportunity to play with the goats at the end of the session.

Claudia Halbreiner '23 had a blast with friends at 'goat yoga.' 'Goat yoga was so much fun! It was a nice break from the stress that comes with the end of the semester, but seeing friends in a COVID-safe setting was so much fun! And the goats were so cute too,' Halbreiner said.

Heather Kirchner '24 also enjoyed attending a 'goat yoga' session. 'I really enjoy doing yoga and having baby goats there made the experience all the more fun,'

Kirchner said.

Along with this activity, a series of events were hosted at Uptown on Friday night, including a petting zoo, outdoor games, a mechanical bull and a caricature artist. The petting zoo included animals such as goats, alpacas, bunnies and chickens.

CAP Core Marketing Specialist Alvin Huynh '23 spoke with the Bucknellian about the Block Party and the planning behind it. 'The Block Party is such an

exciting and surprising Friday event. There's always something new every time. Last Friday night, along with the goat yoga, we had a live petting zoo! We also had a bunch of people competing for the best time on the mechanical bull,' Huynh said.

Huynh continued, 'Every time we start planning for the Block Party, we always keep or add things based on the success of the previous one. We work with

### Donor gift benefits many at the University



PHOTO COURTESY OF PRESIDENT JOHN BRAVMAN  
Bucknell Professor Emeritus Douglas Candland (left), Psychology and Animal Behavior with Glen Tullman '81

Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

University alumnus Glen Tullman '81 has honored his time and relationship with the University with a generous gift of \$6 million. Tullman majored in Economics in his time at the University, and is now a Chicago-based healthcare services entrepreneur. He has founded several companies, with the latest one, Transcarent, being launched this past March.

Tullman's relationship with the University has been nurtured over the years by psychology and animal behavior professor Douglas Candland. After giving a speech about entrepreneurship at the University 10 years after graduating, Candland inspired Tullman to make a difference and make helping people a guiding principle in his companies.

Tullman's donation will be apportioned in three areas of

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### Isolation evaluation: Student experiences in isolation housing

Siobhan Nerz  
Contributing Writer

Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, many students have been in isolation housing due to a positive COVID-19 test or contact tracing. While students have been compliant while going into quarantine to keep the University community safe, the 10-14 day period of seclusion has taken a toll on the mental health of many students.

Olivia Butler '24 maintained a positive outlook on the experience. 'Being in the hotel for two weeks was a challenge, but keeping myself busy with daily walks, classes, homework and relaxing activities made the time go by quickly,' Butler said.

Unfortunately, many other students did not have positive things to say about their experiences in isolation. 'The menu options never changed and were really low quality. The hotel WiFi was extremely slow. The WiFi improved after I made several calls,' Kara Huenink '24 said.

Similarly, Puja Velani '24 disliked the food choices. 'I also felt that [the hotel] had fewer choices in terms of food since I am vegetarian, but I am glad I was able to select meals either way.'

Velani said, Velani understood the necessity of isolation and expressed a great concern for the health of the campus. However, isolation was a detriment to her personal mental health. Velani said she 'found it difficult to study and be fully present in classes.' Additionally, due to bad timing, she had three quizzes during her two weeks in quarantine and it made the experience 'very stressful mentally.'

In addition to the pressure of schoolwork and unreliable WiFi, students struggled with the lack of social contact that came with confinement in a small hotel room. 'The 10 days I spent in isolation were very difficult due to the lack of face to face social interactions and time outside. This lack of external stimuli made it increasingly more difficult to focus on classes and coursework,' Madison Rugh '24 said.

While the time in seclusion is a straining sacrifice for anyone, some unfortunate students have been in isolation multiple times. Sophie Guichardan '23 was in isolation housing during both the fall and spring semesters. Upon reflection, she says that the University 'made great improvement on the conditions that stu-

dents had to deal with.'

While students who isolated in the spring expressed dissatisfaction with the food, Guichardan says 'the food was a major improvement, actually allowing students to choose food options rather than just receiving randomly selected meals that discouraged eating.' Additionally, Guichardan agrees with the sentiment that isolation made learning difficult. 'Isolation made classes seem like more of a burden than anything else and only contributed further to the decline in mental health issues with WiFi and non-understanding professors made academics a struggle in an already hard time,' Guichardan said. Sadly, isolation seems to have impacted students' outlooks on the semester. Guichardan says that isolation 'negatively impacted the way students viewed the semester and the campus as a whole since students felt alone and began to question whether or not returning to campus was even worth it.'

In sum, isolation housing is draining for students as poor food and unreliable WiFi contribute to academic stress. Furthermore, the lack of social interaction puts a greater strain on the health

FOR JAKE PAUL

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## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Jaxon White  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

India is currently going through the worst outbreak of COVID-19 in the world. The country has officially announced over 18 million cases since the last year, but many doubt those numbers express the true totals. With India's numbers soaring, health officials fear that other countries could also experience an uptick in cases.

Spain now plans to reopen their borders to overseas travelers in June. Spanish officials say that if tourists can show they have been vaccinated or recently tested negative, they will be allowed to enter the country. This announcement comes as many countries around the world are going through an increase in COVID-19 cases, despite vaccination efforts.

## DOMESTIC

U.S. President Joe Biden's first 100 days have passed, and FiveThirtyEight shows that Biden has a net approval rating of roughly 54 percent and a 41.8 percent disapproval rating. These numbers appear to be consistent with many past presidents around this point in their terms.

Biden is expected to announce a proposal for a \$200 billion universal preschool program as part of the infrastructure plan that he has mentioned in recent weeks. The program would give free pre-schooling for all children within the ages of three and four years old. The intent of the legislation also includes allowing parents greater flexibility in joining the workforce.

## BLOCK PARTY

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each other and figure out which activities students like and which they don't like. We always try to bring back goat yoga because it's such a popular event each time! But due to COVID, we create sign-up sheets a week before the event and students usually fill it up days before the event. Thus, goat yoga seems like it won't go away any time soon!"

Students enjoyed the Block Party and look forward to more Friday night events. "Uptown always hosts the most fun events on Friday nights!" Kirchner added about the event. "There's so many opportunities to meet other students and socialize. I particularly enjoyed petting the animals at the petting zoo and riding the mechanical bull this past weekend."



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Students pose with goats during Goat Yoga at CAP Core's Block Party

## DONATION

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need. Three million dollars will be given to endow a discretionary fund for the newly named Douglas K. Candland Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. This will support high-impact educational activities in the college.

Karl Voss, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, looks forward to the opportunities this donation will provide. On the University's website, Voss is quoted as saying, "This gift will allow us to move forward with programming and activities that make a significant difference in the educational experiences of Bucknell students and that will encourage the kind of relationships Glen and Doug have benefited from and enjoyed for so many years. The naming of this gift for Doug is a remarkable form of recognition for a faculty member whose career has had a broad and positive impact on the Bucknell community."

The second portion of \$2.5 million will be used to create the Douglas K. Candland Fund for Civic Action to honor the professor's years of service as a teacher, scholar and mentor. The income from the fund

supports civic and community-engaged learning activities.

Faculty and students look forward to the positive effects this will have on the support of civic engagement at the University. The donation came in great timing to support the Engaged Bucknell initiative, which has upcoming goals for 2025. The University's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts will also benefit thanks to the support from the gift.

Candland founded the University's Animal Behavior Program in 1968, and the third portion of the donation, \$500,000, will be given to endow the ongoing costs of operating its animal care facility. The gift provides a fixed endowment to support the Animal Behavior Lab, which is in operation 24/7 with four species of primates in residence.

Tullman's gift to the University will help many people, including many students, faculty and staff. It will also help residents of the surrounding communities of the University. The gift will allow students to access more diverse and engaging educational experiences.

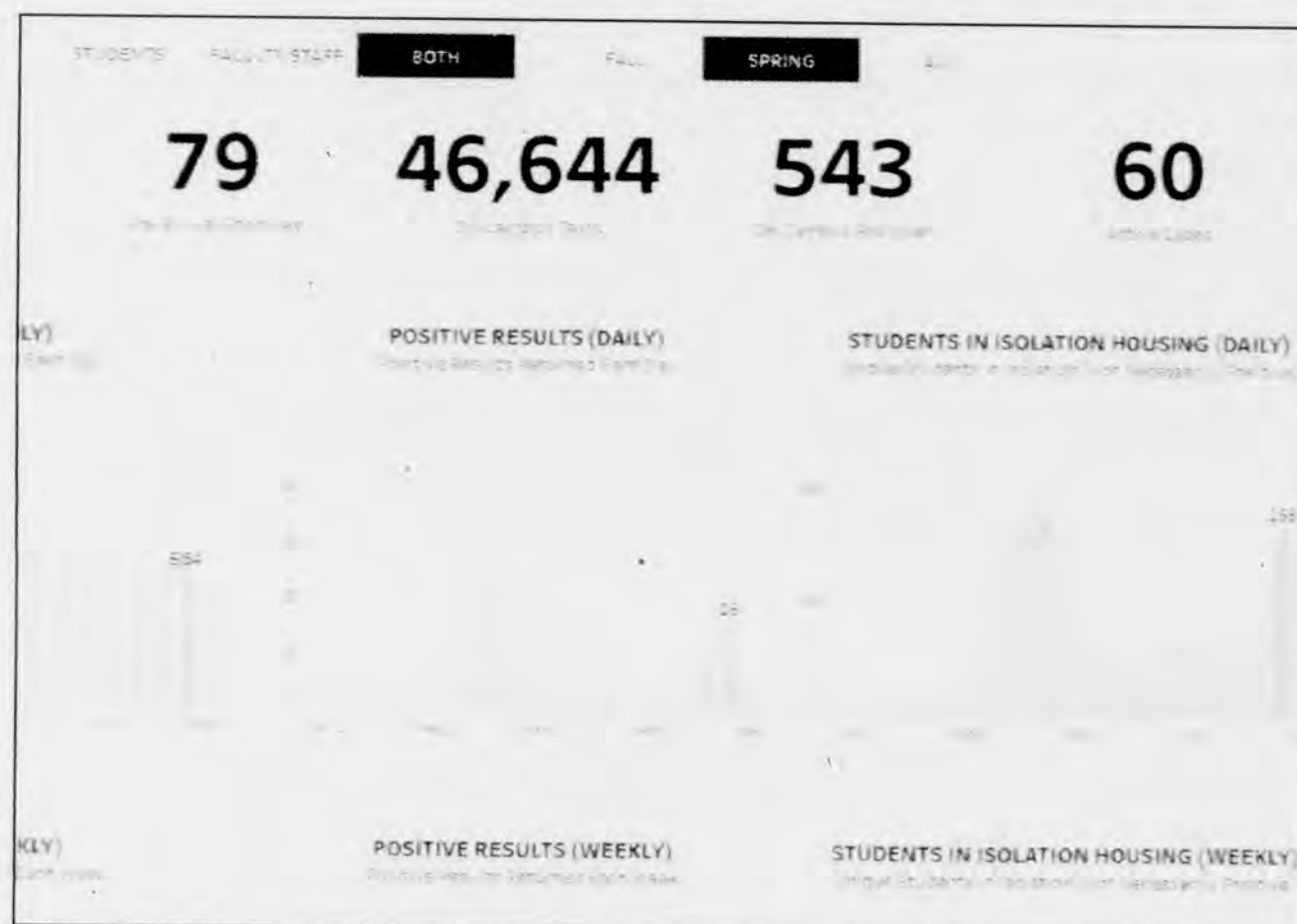
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of students. Hence, the University community should be grateful for the sacrifices

students make for the health of the campus as isolation is no vacation.

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## Seven reasons to make the switch to nocturnal living

Bridgette Simpson  
Satire Co-Editor

Almost 70 percent of mammals are nocturnal, which means they must know something we don't. I wanted to see what the hype is all about, so I compiled a list of possible reasons why, as humans, being nocturnal would be better than being diurnal.

If it's dark out, your face is less visible and therefore the need for makeup or cosmetic enhancements is much less, if not zero. Who are you trying to look nice for? The raccoons?

All fun activities like driving, going to a party, drinking and eating dinner are the best when it's dark out! It can't be a coincidence.

Dinner is the best meal, and it takes place at night. You can eat ANYTHING for dinner and it's socially acceptable. You can even eat breakfast or lunch for dinner, too!

Three words: less human interaction. If you're an extrovert, this might be your worst

nightmare, but for the introverted, this may be of interest to you.

You can't get sunburnt. The moon, stars and planets are visible at night! You could become a self-taught astronomer. Or an astrocartographer, but that would be pretty useless.

You would probably start to develop night vision if you did this correctly for long enough, which would be a really cool "fun fact" about yourself for parties.

These reasons are all very convincing for why you should become nocturnal, but it's important to remember that there is one very, very good reason why none of them matter: nothing will be open when you go to run your errands.

I'm also pretty sure anyone pledging a fraternity is already nocturnal since they all sleep through class but manage to never miss a social function. You could definitely ask them about it if you're interested in becoming nocturnal.

## Men, take notes: here's how to plan the perfect date for your dream girl

Max Bean  
Senior Writer

As a single, intellectually wealthy bachelor with no relationship prospects aside from the one grasshopper in my window, it's my job as a journalist to give stark and meaningful advice for all you other young men in the business of relationships. The first piece of advice I have? It's not a business. It's like taking care of a pet, except you're the pet and you need to keep from tinkling on the carpet like one of those awful chihuahuas — and that's it. You want a perfect first date? Take her to Taco Bell. You want a perfect second date? Take her there a second time. I think my job here is done.

What do you mean I still have a few more paragraphs to go? Fine, fine.

The key to a perfect date is Mexican food. (Kidding, kidding! Just this once.) The key to a perfect first date is memory. You want her to remember it, and to do that you need to take her out of her comfort zone. A walk in the woods is a perfect starting point. Out there, there won't be a cell tower for miles. It would just be you and her. How romantic! Just bring breadcrumbs so you can find your way back. I forgot to drop some on one trip, but the bear was nice enough to chase us back the way we came once it found the breadcrumbs in my backpack.

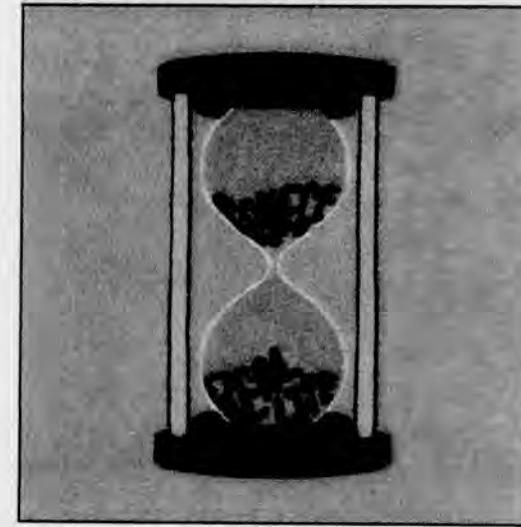
I'm sure if you plan out well enough, you could secure a log cabin in the woods. The key to this magic is to keep it all a secret from your future betrothed. If you could keep her guessing until you let her out in the middle of nowhere four hours later, she'll be metaphorically eating out of your hand in terms of excitement. Be careful though, the last time I tried this to a girl, she got so giddy that she ran off and disappeared for two weeks. Last I heard, she and her lawyer filed a restraining order against me.

Another idea for the perfect date is a dinner. Traditionally, when you ask your dream girl what she wants to eat, she'll

dance around the question before criticizing your various suggestions, hopes and dreams. (Sorry, Taco Bell. Maybe next time.) Learning from this, not only should you take her to any restaurant you want, you shouldn't let her order. Now listen, I know I may get some flack for this. But if she can't even give you a straight answer on her restaurant choice, why should she give you an answer on the food? Why should she say "Nah, I don't want any fries," and then proceed to steal fries from your very plate! It is a manipulative system designed to steal your food. Thankfully, this can be averted by just ordering her own side of fries for her! Again folks, I'm not trying to propagandize misogyny or anything like that. Women can order what they want, but they cannot deny that this fry-theft behavior is in any way disconnected from the "not knowing what to eat" question. It's simple logic! Better yet, when you ask your girlfriend what she wants to eat, wouldn't a dream girl, if she truly was a dream girl, just answer? I think so. Nevertheless, this topic brings me into why someone would leave that agonizing choice on your shoulders.

Boys, listen up. Since you're becoming more mature versions of yourselves (I assume), the simple fact is that women do this because they want to test your masculinity. If you can't make those hard decisions now, how are you going to choose which child you love more in the future? How are you going to ration out the food? It's a simple step that goes a long way. By taking all choice of dinner out of the matter for a female, you are not only asserting your masculinity in a healthy way, but you are also showing her that you can make difficult decisions. This is just like my last relationship. She told me that either the grasshopper goes or she goes, and here I am sitting now with a cool-looking giant grasshopper crawling around my keyboard. Let's see what he says! I'm going to Uptown now for a few hours. Maybe I'll meet my dream girl.

## The transition from college to adulthood



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHICS ARTIST

Sarah Petnuch  
Staff Writer

They say that the transition from high school to college is a big jump, but I would argue that the transition from college to real life is even bigger. You graduate from college and it's game over. You get out into the real world and it's a whole "deer in headlights" type situation. The people who were once big fish in a small pond are now small fish in a big pond. The amount of responsibilities you have goes up,

as do your cortisol levels.

I mean, think about it. Once you graduate from college, you can't be seen drinking Natty Lights anymore. You either have to start pretending to like IPAs or become a red wine person. You also can't walk around in jEaNs aNd A cUe (Op anymore. An entirely new wardrobe must be purchased that includes suits, ties, heels and blouses. Pulling up in the morning in sweatpants and a hoodie is no longer acceptable, and you know what? I don't understand it. Maybe people would be more produc-

tive if they were comfy. Just a thought. Like, you're telling me I have to wake up every day and look presentable? The thought of it makes me SICK.

Getting away with fun activities in general is a thing of the past. You can't be doing late-night Sheetz runs when you have to get up at 6:41 a.m. for work, and drinking on weeknights? Out of the question. There are bills to pay, deadlines to meet and business calls to be made that cannot be done hungover.

Failing to accomplish goals in college is whatever.

You get a below average grade on your Introduction to Finance exam and it's like, "So what? Who cares?" Your activity in Alpha Gamma Apple Pi can make up for it and get you a job, anyway. But in the real world? The stakes are much higher. You miss a deadline and you get fired from your job. Suddenly you can't pay your bills and you're living in a box on the street. Adulthood is an entirely different ball game.

So to our graduating seniors... good luck out there. I'm sure you'll have a blast.

## Black Lives Matter girlfriend, Blue Lives Matter boyfriend team up to make history's most insufferable couple

Liz Whitmer  
Satire Co-Editor

The infamous local couple made up of the opposing political forces of Libby Eral and Ray Cist are making headlines as their relationship, to the horror of all who encounter them, is better than ever.

The couple did have a near-fatal altercation when Eral decided to post a colorful infographic proclaiming "justice has been served" after Derek Chauvin, a murderer who was caught on video murdering a citizen on the job, was convicted of murder. "Ever since she went to college, Lib [Eral] changed. The leftists agenda on that campus is a

disgrace," Cist said. Thankfully, Eral, a finance major at the University of Alabama, admitted to Cist off the record that she believes the court of public opinion is coming down on Chauvin a little too hard.

Despite this conceit on the part of Eral, the couple has fundamentally different viewpoints on a number of issues. "I just think it's wrong to hate someone based on their personal beliefs," explained Eral when asked how she can justify describing herself as woke while dating someone who believes all Muslim citizens should be forced to leave the country.

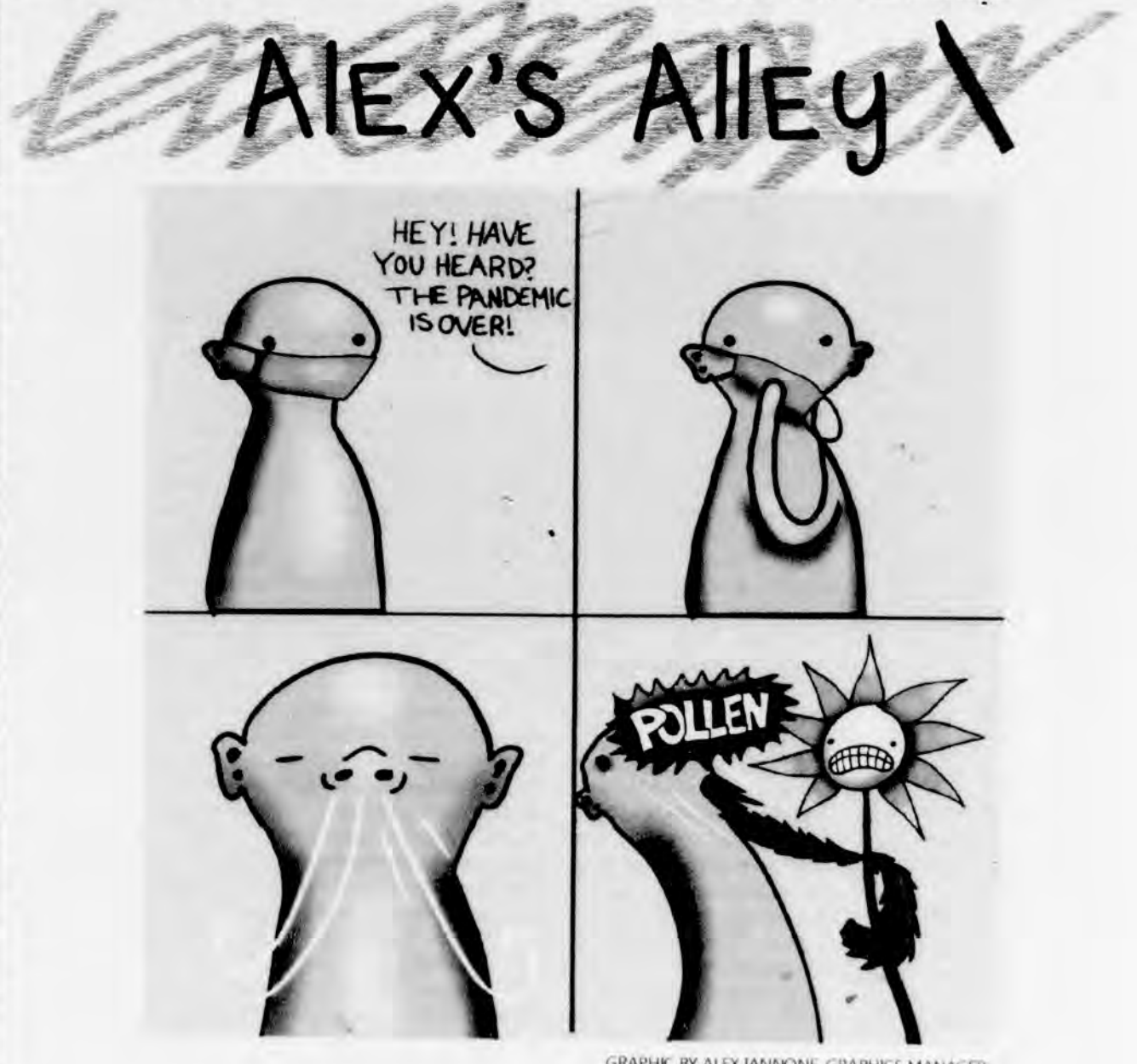
Eral, doing the bare minimum for diversity and

inclusion, considers herself a hero in her love affair with Cist. As the fixer-upper he is, she is proud to reach across the aisle that separates Nazis and vaguely half decent people in showing him the way to basic respect towards other humans, albeit a difficult task.

Even though their political views may make this personal relationship difficult behind closed doors, onlookers cannot believe it can be conceivably worse than what is displayed on social media. Upon every global crisis, mass shooting or hate crime, Eral is the first to step up and make a post talking about how she is personally

impacted. These valiant efforts to spark world peace and topple centuries of institutional racism are no match for the scathing reviews carelessly dispersed by Cist. Comments by Cist of "stop being such a libtard, babe" on Eral's liberal Instagram account, @GodLovesDemocrats, are a source of local entertainment.

Somehow, the couple carries on. One thing, however, is certain: both lovers will continue to ascribe to partisan lines and disrespect every individual who is not a straight, white, cisgender, Christian man in the process. And isn't that what love is all about?



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## FIELD HOCKEY WINS FIRST PATRIOT LEAGUE TITLE

PHOTO BY JACQUELINE KERLER | THE BUCKNELLIAN  
Ethan Torres '21 attempts a field goal in the Patriot League Championships.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**TRACK AND FIELD**  
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MAY 1  
ALL DAY  
**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT ON MAY 1  
**WOMEN'S GOLF**  
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 1  
ALL DAY  
**WOMEN'S ROWING**  
VS FORDHAM ON MAY 1  
AT 4 PM  
**WOMEN'S GOLF**  
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 2  
ALL DAY  
**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT ON MAY 2  
**SOFTBALL**  
@ ARMY ON MAY 1  
AT 12 PM AND 2 PM

Laurel McHale  
Contributing Writer

For the first time in program history, the Bison field hockey team has been crowned the Patriot League Champions after defeating top-seeded Boston University, 2-1 in overtime. The game started quiet, as neither team could even find a shot within the first 15 minutes. Boston U. didn't attempt its first shot until the third quarter as the Bison defense clamped down. It looked

like the game would enter the fourth quarter still scoreless, but a Boston U. penalty corner in the waning seconds of the third resulted in a goal with just one second remaining.

Karl Melberger '24 rocketed a shot from the top of the shooting circle, tying the game with just 5:50 left to play. Erin Zielinski '22 and Kayla Kishardt '23 assisted this goal.

The Blue and Orange were dominant throughout the afternoon, outshooting the Terriers 15-6 and earning 14 penalty

corners to Boston's five. The Bison were awarded three consecutive corners in the extra period, and it was on the third that Kaelyn Long '21 fired the game-winning shot.

Long scored the game-winning goal with 2:31 left in the overtime period on a penalty corner, receiving the assist from Sara Dimock '21.

"It felt so surreal moments after realizing we won the Patriot League tournament. I almost felt emotionless because I didn't know how or what

to feel! I am so proud to be a member of this team... our motto all season has been to make it fun and control what we can control and we did just that on Saturday with our big win," Long said.

Following the game, Long was named the Tournament MVP. Kishardt, Zielinski and Clara McCormick '23 were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

Long said, "I am super grateful for the opportunity to play in the NCAA tourna-

ment and represent Bucknell at a higher level. VCU will be a tough matchup as they have been undefeated in their conference this season, but we look forward to giving it all we got against a good team at a competitive level of play!"

The Bison now receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. They will play VCU at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex in University Park, Pa. on Friday, April 30 at 12 p.m. for their first NCAA Tournament appearance.

## Bison Swimming and Diving end with a big splash



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCKNELL ATHLETICS  
Senior Emily Gorham celebrates with her teammates.

Cat Jamison  
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed in their Patriot League Challenge Meet against American and Loyola Maryland on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25. The women's team won the first place title, while the men's team finished in a close second.

The Bison women outscored the Greyhounds (994.5 points) and the Eagles (590 points), earning a total of 1,060.5 points. Major wins by Maddie Hartigan '22 and Kate Gottwald '24 led the team to victory. Hartigan won all four of her individual races and contributed as a member of three runner-up relay teams. Hartigan acquired the school record in not one but

two events: the 100 and 1,000 relays. In addition, Gottwald secured a sweep in all the diving events for the fourth-straight meet. The Bison impressed all with a 1-2-3-4-5 in the 200 freestyle and 1-2-3-4 in the 400 IM. The Bison also placed three swimmers in the "A" Finals of the 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly and 200 backstroke.

The men's swimming and diving team totaled 802 points putting them behind the Greyhounds (1,274.5) and ahead of the Eagles (434.5).

The Bison logged nine program top-10 marks on Sunday, securing 16 for the weekend. Will Cadwallader '22 swept the boards by winning the 3-meter dive with a fantastic score of 277.15, now fifth in school history. On Saturday, he placed first on the 1-meter board. The other

individual champion was Christian Stief '23 in the 200 freestyle.

"Seeing as our season ended later in the year than usual, we have the hype and energy from the end of this season going into next season. By having a shortened and strange season, the team is hungry to get out and compete hard in a full on (hopefully COVID-free) season, so I think that many people will see next season as an extension of this past one," said Cadwallader said.

After a successful abbreviated season for the Bison, the women's team finished with a 3-0 Patriot League record and the men's team finished with a 1-2 Patriot League record. Now, swimming and diving anticipate even bigger accomplishments in the upcoming season.

Anna Carroll  
Senior Writer

Making their first CWPA championship appearance since 1994, the Bison fell short in a 12-5 loss to the host and No. 7 Michigan University in their last game of the season. The Orange and Blue finished with a 8-4 record overall with three of their losses against the powerhouse Michigan Wolverines.

Before playing Michigan in the finals, the Bison defeated St. Francis (Pa.) 8-5 in the semifinal matchup. The Bison used a 4-1 run in the second and third periods to gain a 5-2 advantage that would hold until the end of the game.

Ally Furano '21 opened up the scoring for the Bison, finding the back of the cage in the first period. After the Red Flash answered back with a goal of their own, Megan LaCroix '23 gave the Bison the lead once more, bringing the score to 2-1 to end the first period. A Furano scored three of the four goals during the Bison's scoring run, while her sister Paige Furano '22 added the other. With their victory against St. Francis, the Orange and Blue would make their way to the Championship game against Michigan later that day.

Although the Bison played well and fought hard,

the Wolverines used a nine-goal first half to gain momentum for the rest of the game, and eventually earn a 12-5 victory.

Michigan took control of the game early with a 4-0 lead, before P. Furano was able to score for the Bison. However, the Wolverines answered back quickly with two more goals of their own. Marcela Herrera '21 was the one to stop the Michigan run this time, finding the back of the cage for the Orange and Blue. Michigan scored three more goals to close the second period and give Michigan a commanding 9-3 lead at halftime.

P. Furano led the Bison with three goals along with Herrera and Kali Hyham '21, each adding a goal of their own.

"This past weekend was a great end to a season unlike any that any of us have ever seen. Getting second place in our conference for the first time was an amazing way for all three of us seniors to end our careers at Bucknell," Hyham said.

This past weekend marks the final games for seniors A. Furano, Hyham and Herrera who combined for 64 victories for the women's water polo team, along with the program's highest-ever finish at the CWPA Championships this season.

## Water Polo Finished up Season at CWPA Championship



## Bison defeat St. Bonaventure in 7-0 Victory

Emily Doyle  
Senior Writer

The Bison women's tennis team had a match against St. Bonaventure on Saturday, April 24. The Orange and Blue were victorious, winning all matches.

The Bison started off strong, winning all three doubles matches. The doubles teams consisted of Daniela Bellini '22/Cayla Koch '21, Tyne Miller '24/Laurel Utterback '24 and Sofia Ayuso '21/Kate Novak '24. The score of each match was 6-2, 6-4 and 6-4, respectively.

"Our win last weekend

gave us a lot of confidence going into our conference championships this weekend. We are all excited to compete together, especially because the patriot league championships were canceled last year due to COVID-19," Novak said.

The Bison carried their winning streak into their singles matches. Bellini's final score for her singles match was 6-4 and 7-5. Koch won her singles match with a score of 6-2 and 6-3. Miller defeated her opponent with a score of 6-4 and 6-1. Ayuso had a win over her opponent, 6-1 and 6-1. Utterback de-

feated her opponent with a score 6-2 and 6-2. Novak finished the match with a win, the scores were 6-1 and 7-5.

"I'm really proud of my team for how we all came together and won our last regular season match against St. Bonaventure. I'm hoping we carry this momentum and energy in the first round of the Patriot League Tournament this Friday at Navy!" Koch said.

The Orange and Blue will head to the Patriot League Tournament at Navy beginning on April 29. Game time and matchups are to be determined.

## Women's Lacrosse Handed Loss Against the Black Knights

Kaelyn Long  
Senior Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team was on the road once again on Saturday, April 24 as they traveled to Army West Point. The Orange and Blue were handed a 19-8 loss after the Black Knights went into halftime with a 13-3 lead. The Bison now sit at 3-4 in the Patriot League and 3-5 overall.

"We had a slow start in our game against Army this weekend and we made a few of the same mistakes multiple times so we are super focused on improving those areas this week. Our mentality moving forward is to play with consistent intensity and to leave everything on the field," Mason

Rode '21 said.

Taylor Kopan '24 came up strong for the Bison with her first career hat trick, while Symone Ryans '23 held down the fort defensively with 11 saves in her first collegiate appearance. Laurel McHale '22 was a steady force with a multi-point outing, contributing a goal and an assist. Rode also added three draw controls, a goal and a caused turnover.

In the second half alone, the Black Knights outscored the Bison 6-3, but the Orange and Blue did not give up. The team responded with a 4-0 run over the course of a six minute span, with Kopan adding two of the goals herself.

The Bison were unable to finish with the advantage as the Black Knights led in shots (43-14), shots on goals (30-12), ground balls (12-9) and draw controls (21-6).

"We have a huge game against Navy this weekend. If we win we make the Patriot League tournament, and if we lose we are done. Going into this game we are really focused on playing a full sixty minutes with no let downs and really playing our hearts out," McHale said.

Next up for the team is a trip to the Naval Academy on Friday, April 30 to face the Midshipmen. This game is a make-up from their cancelled Patriot League opener.

## Baseball keeps it rolling against Lehigh

Alex Bolinger  
Senior Writer

This was one of the most important weekends for the Bison baseball team as the regular season starts to draw to an end. Looking at their schedule, they would have to win a majority of their games in the last three series against Patriot League opponents if they wanted to get into the playoffs. With two of those series being against fierce rival Lehigh, the Bison knew last weekend was going to be huge for them and their quest for a Patriot League Championship. For the baseball squad, the weekend went exactly as planned. They showed a fierce competitiveness and were able to put together an impressive hitting weekend with equally impressive pitching on the mound. With just a few more weeks left, the Bison are feeling good after taking this weekend's series against Lehigh two games to one.

They were in Bethlehem on Saturday, April 24 for the first double header of the weekend. In game one however, the Bison did not find the start that they were looking for. Going against Mason Black, Le-

high's star ace, they could not find the runs needed to beat the mountain hawks. Black has given the league fits over the last four years and many people consider him one of the best pitchers to come out of the Patriot League. Unfortunately for the Bison they lost the first game of the double header 7-4 but they did not have to hang their heads long as it would be their only loss of the weekend.

In game two on Saturday the outcome was much different. The Bison fought hard to earn a split in the double header by getting some hard earned runs in the second game on Saturday. This was marked by an impressive performance on the mound by Will Greer '23 who threw a complete game and only allowed one earned run with a pair of strikeouts. Greer's pitching performance was the sign of the tides turning for the weekend. While Lehigh could not get anything going offensively, the Bison bats were able to get active with Chris Cannizzaro '22 going 4-for-4 with an RBI and getting across the plate once. The complete game was the first of Greer's career and only the second complete game by a Bison this year (Chris Difiore '23

threw a complete seven inning game). The Orange and Blue walked away with a split on Saturday and won the second game of the double header 3-1.

"After splitting the double header Saturday we all knew we had to perform on Sunday back in Lewisburg. We all knew that Sunday was one of the most important games of the season for us," Greer said.

Sunday in Lewisburg is where the magic really started to happen and the Bison blew away the visiting Mountain Hawks. In one of the most important games of the season the Bison performed to their best. With 13 hits and 14 runs scored, the team put up one of its most dominant offensive performances of the season on Sunday. Kendall Pierson '22 had three hits on five at bats with two RBI's. Difiore got the win on the mound and improved his season record to 4-2. When all the dust settled the Bison won Sunday 14-4.

This weekend's series against rival Lafayette has been postponed due to a COVID outbreak within the Leopards team. However, the Bison added a game against St. Joseph's in Philadelphia this Wednesday, April 28 to remain loose.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## ERIN ZIELINSKI '22 WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

### PROFILE

HOMETOWN: DOWNINGTON, PA

HIGH SCHOOL: VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

Holly Burns  
Senior Writer

This past week, the Bison field hockey team captured the Patriot League tournament title, following strong victories over American University and tournament hosts, Boston University. Although the Orange and Blue struggled a bit out of the gate, veteran defensive leaders helped rally to turn the season around.

Center-back Erin Zielinski '22 was one of those important leaders for the Bison, and guided this underdog team to their first league title in program history. Zielinski has tallied an impressive total of 31 games played during her stint with the Orange and Blue, 26 of those being starts. She has started every one of the Bison's matchups since her sophomore season.

"I still can't believe that we won. We worked so hard this season and had to adapt to a lot of changes that were thrown our way, yet our team was incredibly resilient. Starting off the season 0-3 wasn't easy, yet we tried to focus on the progress we were making each game rather than the end result," Zielinski said. "After beating American on our home turf, it really gave us the confidence that we were moving in the right direction. I'm so proud of everything my team has accomplished. It wasn't easy,

especially after our regular season being cancelled, but we worked hard and pushed through together."

Zielinski earned several accolades for her performance leading up to, and during the Patriot League tournament. She was named All-League First Team for her regular season performance; Zielinski was part of a Bison defensive unit that only allowed one goal per game in the latter portion of the season.

Zielinski was also named to the All-Tournament team for her continuing stellar defensive performance. Assisting on the game-winner in overtime versus Boston, the young athlete secured a tournament title for the Bison.

Zielinski spoke on the team's success this season, and how that is preparing the Orange and Blue to compete again this coming fall. "It's crazy that we're already thinking ahead to next season. But, knowing how much we accomplished this year together, I'm really excited for what's to come. As with anything, we still have a ton to work on. However, having been the first team at Bucknell to win the Patriot League title and knowing how it feels to step off the field having earned it, I think we're even more motivated than ever before."

In addition to her contributions on the field, Zielinski is also a standout in the

classroom for the Bison. The Chemical Engineering major is a two-time member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, and one-time member of the NFCA Division I National Academic Squad.

Zielinski credits her success to her strong support system. "Our team is very close, and by creating a team culture in which we support and push each other every day, we were able to become one percent better each game. We are also incredibly fortunate to have incredible support from our parents, coaching staff, athletic trainers and strength coaches. They have all played a part in helping us become the team we are today, on and off the field."

### CAREER STATS

31 GAMES  
PLAYED  
26 GAMES  
STARTED  
1645 MINUTES  
PLAYED  
1 ASSIST

## Women's Golf finishes in Fourth at PL Championships

Leah Fogelsanger  
Sports Co-Editor

This past weekend, the Bison women's golf team competed in the 2021 Patriot League Championships in Bethlehem, Pa. at the Saucon Valley Country Club. The Bison finished in fourth place with a 54-hole total of 953.

Casey Morrow '21 and Katum McKelvey '23 led the Bison on Sunday with scores of 77 as the team posted its best score of the weekend with a

313 in the final round. Both the senior and sophomore moved into the top 15 with their Sunday scores of 77, with Morrow finishing 13th and McKelvey tying for 15th.

Other notable performances came from Cristina Canales '24 who closed the tournament with a 78. This score made her the Bison's low player for the championship. Canales tied for 11th place with a total of 236, but unfortunately missed earning All-Patriot League honors by just one stroke.

The Orange and Blue also saw Kelsey Yi '24 posting an 81, Erin Holmes '21 with an 82 and Morgan Hennessey '22 with an 89. Morrow, Canales and McKelvey combined for the Bison's eight birdies on Sunday with two apeece.

The field was rounded out by Navy taking the top title with a 305 team score, followed by Boston with 307, Richmond in third at 932, the Bison (953), Lehigh (993) and Holy Cross (1055).

## Men's tennis beat by Colgate in the Patriot League

Emily Doyle  
Senior Writer

The Bison men's tennis team was seeded fourth for the Patriot League tournament this past weekend at Lehigh, but were beat by the fifth-seeded Colgate. They will not move ahead in the tournament.

Because of their seeding, the team, along with seven others, skipped the first round of the tournament on Thursday, April

22 and went straight to the quarterfinals on Friday, April 23.

In the previous matchup against the Raiders, the Orange and Blue were victorious, winning 4-1. However the roles reversed in the tournament, with Colgate claiming the win, 4-3.

Bison on courts 4, 5, and 6 all picked up individual victories. Nick Mueller '23 won 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, Tim Zelikovsky '24 won 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, and Sam Yildirimlar '21 won 3-6, 7-5, 6-4

Although the Bison did not win the doubles point for their team duo Marwan Abaza '21 and Cooper Bradshaw '22 defeated their Colgate opponents 6-0.

On Saturday, April 24, the Raiders eventually fell to the eventual Patriot League Champions, Navy, 0-4. Congratulations to the team on completing their season despite these unprecedented times.



# BEYOND THE BISON

## SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

### Coming Back Home

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This past year, Kim Mulkey returned to Baton Rouge, La. as head coach of the LSU women's basketball team. Before coming to LSU, Mulkey coached the Baylor University women's team from 1999-2021 leading the Bears to their first ever tournament appearance in her first year of coaching in 2000. With patience and victory, winning at least 20 games in every season except one, the pinnacle was finally achieved in 2005

when the lady bears won their first national title against Michigan State.

The move to Baton Rouge was not easy. During her press conference, she was vulnerable in her situation and the difficulty that came with it. It was hard to leave something that she spent so much time and energy building. Leaving the people, players, and experiences that have been with her for the last 22 years.

When you dedicate yourself to a special place and people with a high level of unwavering pas-

sion and intensity, it's hard to let go. The conversation between her and LSU's athletic director Scott Woodward was no more than 15 minutes long. They discussed many things that the public will never know, but most importantly they agreed on the fact that the experience for her at LSU and with her players is going to be about more than just basketball.

Coach Mulkey has been a winner her whole life. She grew up in Tickfaw, La., an hour down the road from Baton Rouge.

She was the only girl on her elementary school baseball team and was named an all-star. In high school, she won four state titles and led her team to the first ever NCAA Women's basketball championship at Louisiana Tech in 1982. With her title win in 2005, she became the first ever to win a national title as a player, assistant coach and head coach.

More than her success on the basketball court, Mulkey is a trailblazer and mentor for young women through sport. Every per-

son she has ever coached has walked away from the program with their degree.

This hire speaks to the magnitude of the institution of LSU and their prioritization of women's athletics. The former head coach of the Tiger's basketball team, Nikki Fargas, left LSU to pursue a job with Las Vegas Aces. The tradition of LSU basketball stems back to the early days of Mulkey's tenure at Baylor. The Tigers made five NCAA final fours in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. They also reached eight NCAA elite eights and 14 NCAA sweet 16s.

Mulkey faced off against LSU as a player and a head coach. The first encounter was during her playing career at LA Tech, when they beat the Tigers as the number one seed in 1984. In the 2005 final four, the Baylor Bears defeated the Tigers 68-57 as the fifth year head coach for Baylor. Mulkey and her squad went on to win the national championship that season.

Mulkey watched from afar as her home team had a run of success and a taste of glory. As a Louisiana native, she is happy to say she has finally returned home.

## Men's and Women's Track Gear up For Patriot League Championships

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Both the Bison men's and women's track and field teams competed this past Saturday, April 24 in their final tune up before the Patriot League Championships.

There were a number of standouts on both the men's and women's teams. On the track, Ashley Blair '21 was a star. Blair took first place in what turned out to be more of an emotional race than was expected and nearly cracked an all-time Bison record in the 1500 with a time of 4:40.04.

"This weekend was a great tune-up for the Patriot League Championships this weekend. I had the honor of running in a secondary event with my senior teammates (Kelsey Bordash, Sarah Bam-

and Kaitlin Ryan) who were running their last race," Blair said. "The win was great, but it was definitely a bitter-sweet moment since I won't be racing with some of my senior teammates again. The team has a great attitude going into this weekend considering last year's competition was canceled. I think we're all going into this meet trying to make up for what we lost last year. It should be a great weekend."

Besides Blair, a number of other men and women earned a top four position in their events. Katie Phillips '22 also landed on the podium, earning herself a second place finish in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:05.58.

Dylan Pearman '24 posted a dominant time in the 200, narrowly losing to Monmouth with a 22.96 time. Sam Lopes '22 placed third in the triple jump by jumping 37.5

Dom Campagna '23 finished third, narrowly beating his teammate Ryan Miele '22, in the 5000 with a time of 15:37.08 over Miele's 15:43.33. Matt Fedorovich '24 also took a podium finish in the long jump, earning third with a 21-10. Sprinter Max Spaulding '24 also finished third in the 400 hurdles with a 58.52.

For the throwers, James Kelly '21 earned second in the javelin with a 186-8. Robert Feeney '24 finished fourth in the hammer with a 178-1.

The men's and women's teams had a solid day on the track and in the field, gearing up for a redemption bout at the Patriot League Championship meet. After the Bison were stripped of a chance to compete outdoors last year due to COVID-19, this Friday, April 30 they are looking to take back what's theirs.

## Bison struggle in 4 game set against Lehigh

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The Bison softball team finished 1-3 on the weekend in a 4 game set against Lehigh. The teams split a pair of games at Lehigh on April 24 and Lehigh swept both games of a doubleheader in Lewisburg the next day.

Both games on Saturday went to extra innings as there was little between the two squads. The Bison struck early in game one as Nicole Rivait '22 scored Taylor Wolfgang '21 on a double in the first inning. Kaiya Burton '23 pitched well for the Orange and Blue, only surrendering eight hits while pitching the complete game. The Bison looked like they would emerge victorious when they took a 2-1 lead in the eighth inning thanks to a hit by Niki Mabry '24 and had the Mountain Hawks down to their final out. Unfortunately for the Bison, Lehigh

was able to hit back-to-back doubles to score twice and win 3-2.

The second game of the double header saw a lot more offense than the first. Tara Baglivo '21 knocked in the first run of the game in the second inning to get the offense going. After Lehigh scored three unanswered runs, Zoie Smith '24 gave the Bison the lead again with a three-run home run in the fifth inning. Lehigh was able to knock in one more run to send the game to extras tied 4-4. In the top of the eighth, Jess Hom '21 doubled to score Baglivo and make the score 5-4. In the bottom half of the inning, Olivia Marinelli '23 retired the Mountain Hawks in order to clinch the victory.

The doubleheader in Lewisburg did not fare as well for the Bison. The Orange and Blue were unable to score in either game, falling by scores of 2-0 and 10-0. In game one of the day, the Bison were able to hold Lehigh scoreless until the third in-

ning. Lehigh knocked in two runs that inning that proved to be the difference. Kelly Toomey '22 kept the Lehigh bats at bay pitching 4.2 innings and only giving up two hits. Unfortunately, the Bison weren't able to get back into the game. The second game of the doubleheader was very similar to the first. The Bison were able to hold Lehigh scoreless for four innings, but then the Mountain Hawks got hot and scored seven runs in the fifth. While the offense as a whole struggled, Mabry, Jazmyne Stokes '21 and Sarah Baluch '22 all finished with multi-hit afternoons.

The Bison will look to rebound and get the offense going this coming weekend in a four game series with Army. All four games are scheduled to be played in West Point, N.Y. The first two games will be on May 1 at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., while the remaining two games will be played May 2 at the same times.

## Bison Take Down the Mountain Hawks at Home

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The Bison men's golf team stayed home this weekend to take on the Lehigh Mountain Hawks in a close dual match. There was good weather for the 18-hole event, sunny and 65 degrees with little to no wind. This was very fortunate for the Bison being that the majority of their season has been in both cold and windy weather.

With the play-6, count-4 format, the Bison had Chris Tanabe '21, Jason

Lohwater '22, Jack Gardener '23, Josh Holtschlag '23, Jackson Bussell '23 and Blake Wisdom '23 playing for the team along with Dylan Ford '22 and Max Orwicz '24 playing individually. Wisdom mentioned that his favorite part from the weekend was "playing against our rival and winning! It was a blast getting to play with one of my teammates and having some students watch us!"

Bussell, Wisdom and Tanabe, the Bison's best from this match, all came

in with 72s. Holtschlag and Lohwater came in right behind with 73s and following was Jack Gardener who carded a 76 on the day. Ford and Orwicz shot 76 and 83, respectively. As for Lehigh, their top three players came in with 73s and their fourth player carded a 75.

The Bison will travel to Annapolis, Md. to play in the Patriot League Championship hosted by Navy this coming weekend, May 1 and 2. This tournament consists of 54 holes, with 36 of them being the first day

## Bison Fight Back Against Juggernaut Mountain Hawks, Fall Short

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It's never an easy task facing the number six ranked team in the nation, especially on the road. On Saturday, Lehigh utilized its crisp passing, electric speed and physical style of play to keep the Bison men's lacrosse team on its heels and handed the Bison their sixth loss of the season, an 18-12 defeat.

Despite the final score, the Bison played strong throughout the game, pestering ball handlers and creating a lot of nice fast-break opportunities. The defense struggled to contain Lehigh sophomore Christian Mule, who notched 10 points on seven goals and three assists.

But overall, they hung tough against a Mountain Hawk squad that boasted more than one preseason All-American ("Inside Lacrosse").

Dutch Furlong '24 continued his hot streak for the Bison, scoring two goals and adding two assists. Jack Freda '23 (3g-1a), Alston Larry '22 (3g-1a) and Tommy Sopko '21 (1g-3a) all posted four points apiece as well. Daniel Parson '23 made a career-high 13 saves between the pipes. The teams were even in shots at 4-4 each, while the Mountain Hawks led in ground balls (43-27) and faceoffs (24-9).

The Bison scored four goals in the final quarter, twice cutting the deficit to just four, but Lehigh would

ultimately hang on to stay undefeated and earn their ninth victory of the shortened season.

Unfortunately, the loss does mark the final collegiate lacrosse game for many of the seniors. "It's always very bittersweet," Furlong said. "This senior class is a real great group of guys and are definitely role models on and off the field. I'm excited to see what the future holds for them and all of the accomplishments they achieve."

The Bison men's lacrosse showed magnificent effort all season. With plenty of talent returning, this performance against Lehigh should create a lot of momentum going into 2022.



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## It's not just your private FBI agent anymore

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How would you feel if you knew the police were spying on you, not through their own surveillance, but through buying their data from other people?

Most Americans are familiar with the First, Second and maybe Fifth Amendments to the Constitution guaranteeing certain rights: freedom of speech, the right to bear arms and the right against self-incrimination, respectively. Most, however, are not familiar with the remaining amendments, especially the Fourth: the protection "against unreasonable searches and seizures" without a signed warrant from some judge.

As has been shown repeatedly by a long line of digital whistleblowers, warrantless mass surveillance by a smattering of three-letter organizations (NSA, CIA, FBI, etc.) is not fantasy, but reality. The Guardian's leak that propelled Edward Snowden's fame was, namely, a secret court ruling that Verizon must turn over millions of phone records to the FBI. Those records included phone numbers, call logs and durations, and other information that could eventually uniquely identify users.

That was 2013, however, so times and methods have changed; now law enforcement agencies work with third parties to compile the data that they want. For instance, VICE has reported that an app "Muslim Pro", downloaded by tens of millions of individuals, reports data to the U.S. military intelligence services through a third party. While the data is anonymous, VICE quoted their source as saying, "[the third party] could absolutely deanonymize a person." Further, companies like Palantir

offer the combination of public sector data and Palantir data with private law enforcement databases to track people with greater ease. The Los Angeles Police Department is one of their largest clients, and one community organizer remarked, "[Palantir] is not actually improving things. It's expanding the power that police have." Moves like these could inevitably lead to the continuation of over-policing and exploitation that studies have shown is endemic to low income black and brown communities.

In a rare stroke of technological literacy, a bipartisan group of senators has introduced the "The Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act," which would require a court order before law enforcement agencies purchase user data from third parties. For instance, the bill's sponsors specifically targeted another firm, Clearview AI, who "illicitly obtained photos to power a facial recognition service it sells to government agencies, which they can search without a court order."

The logic behind this move raises an important point: even for data that, as of now, can be obtained fully legally and remain apparently anonymous, new tools can essentially remove that individual protection nearly instantly. Technological capabilities for intrusions like that are cause for real concern, even for those who "have nothing to hide." Deferring the impact of this law enforcement data market only works if an individual agrees with every aspect of the practices of their government. To put it another way, individuals who participate in civil disobedience, individuals protesting against aggressive regimes, individuals whose religion or

sexual orientation doesn't align with their government do have something legitimate to hide. Ultimately, those who implement technologies here in the United States must be mindful (and guard against) the worst-case implementation anywhere in the world. And, considering the fact that many companies whose services are used worldwide happen to be based within the United States, our nation is in a unique position to be able to shape the use of individual data worldwide.

The United States could serve as a leader in the rights to individual privacy, to life and liberty as guaranteed under our Constitution, to individuals' ownership of their data and obligations to have it used ethically. Digital devices, now more than ever, are extensions of the human brain; they can (and do) carry more data than diaries, travel logs and rolls of film ever could. Unfortunately, however, we still live in a nation where the laws are more suited to the technology of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries than the 21st. Lawmakers have an ethical obligation to ensure that those same moral individual protections guaranteed nearly 250 years ago extend to the modern day.

The way that the public interacts with their technology has changed dramatically in the past few decades, and it remains truly vital that lawmakers keep up. For once, a bipartisan common-sense measure to both protect individuals and curtail problems endemic to the law enforcement system is up for serious debate. I sincerely hope that the necessity for the protection of the individual, and the moral imperative to use data equitably and fairly, does not remain lost on those in power in Washington.

## The fall of Jake Paul



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The American YouTuber, rapper, former Vine star and social media influencer Jake Paul is a narcissistic sociopath who is somehow still supported despite his many mistakes and numerous scandals. With his passion for creating and editing videos, Paul was first seen on the app Vine, where he pulled pranks on his friends and occasionally strangers. Paul was often seen embarrassing others or getting himself in trouble on camera for his viewers' enjoyment. In the years following his first appearance on Vine, Paul has acquired 20 million YouTube subscribers and joined the "Hype House," a group of TikTok and YouTube personalities in Los Angeles. For someone who once was a fun and entertaining influencer, Paul has created a horrible reputation for himself and has the biggest and most notorious name in the influencer industry. Paul's lack of respect for others and his offensive nature has impacted many as his controversies and continuous unacceptable behavior propels him to fame and fortune.

Many wonder how and why Paul remains a consistent influencer. Leveraging his bad reputation to keep his career, Paul uses his narcissistic and sociopathic

ways to entertain his viewers. After graduating from Vine, Paul simultaneously became one of the most popular and most hated YouTubers. Hatred for Paul grew as his platform heightened through his appearance on YouTube. Purchasing a house with a few other influencers, neighbors described living next to Paul as a "living hell" and a "war zone," as the teen started massive fires in the neighborhood, performed dangerous dirt bike stunts, building a water slide to propel his friends into the pool and leaking his address online. Paul has also influenced his younger viewers that school is not necessary, and that education does not advance an individual as he shared that he was able to become successful without school. Paul continues to be called out for his actions on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube by other influencers, but this only boosts his ego and audience.

Not only has Paul negatively impacted those who are in close proximity to him and his young fans, but his use of derogatory terms and lack of remorse for his actions is disgusting and unacceptable. In January 2018, TMZ surfaced a video of Paul at Coachella from three years prior. The video showed Paul rapping over the song, "Throw Sum Mo," by Rae Sremmurd, saying the n-word twice, calling himself a "little a\*\* n\*\*\*\*\*" and referring to a friend as a "n\*\*\*\*\*".

This video blew up on various social media platforms and offended and hurt many of his viewers and YouTube users. Paul never apologized for his behavior. Apology or not, this is completely unacceptable. Recently, Paul caused another controversy when he was caught hosting a massive party in Calabasas during the height COVID-19 cases in California. Videos of this large party surfaced, showing other social media influencers swinging from dangerous equipment in his backyard, maskless and intoxicated. "I personally am not the type of person who's gonna sit around and not live my life," Paul told Insider when questioned about his massive party. Many were disgusted with Paul's comment as they learned that keeping the surrounding community safe was not a priority.

Having a need for an excessive amount of attention and admiration, along with his lack of empathy and disregard for others, Paul will eventually hit rock bottom. Currently taking advantage of his narcissistic and sociopathic ways for viewer's entertainment, Paul will continue his downward spiral and reach a point of no return. Paul should have been cancelled years ago. Paul is a horrible influencer who does not deserve a spotlight or fame; he needs professional help.

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# DC Statehood

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In the wake of the recent passing of a bill that would institute Washington, D.C. as the 51st state in the House of Representatives, the American people have once again been called upon to examine their perspective on the age-old adage: "no taxation without representation." The saying, which symbolizes the earliest calls for Revolution in the thirteen colonies, finds new meaning today—specifically, that an entire federal district with a population larger than that of the entire state of Wyoming has no legislative representation. The very logic behind a representative democracy is that each citizen should have this power, and the rights granted alongside the inherent freedom and self-determination in a people's government. Yet, such an issue is somehow incredibly partisan, as Republicans have repeatedly shot down any attempts to give the population of the District of Columbia the same rights they enjoy. It's a power play that, if nothing else, illustrates the ever-present reality that America has never been a democracy for everyone, and as such, has never really lived up to the idea of democracy at all.

Republicans' argument for denying Washington, D.C. its statehood is painfully simple: if the District of Columbia were to enjoy the privilege of statehood, it would receive two seats in the Senate, which would more than likely go to Democrats. Republicans would find it difficult to overcome this majority, and such a phenomenon would "throw off the balance of power." These legislators seem to miss the blatantly obvious point that if 692,683 people have to go

without a voice in Congress for a party to keep a chance at majority status, that party probably shouldn't be in power. That is, in the most elementary terms possible, how democracy works.

There is a deeper layer to this, however. Republicans have toed the line in defense of the United States Electoral College to make sure the voices of Americans in states like Wyoming are heard. Yet the difference between Wyoming and Washington, D.C., besides their respective political leanings, is their population demographics. Wyoming, once described by GOP Senator Tom Cotton as "a well rounded, working class state" is in direct juxtaposition with Washington. Wyoming has a population that is 92.5 percent white, with only 6 percent of residents below the poverty line. In contrast, 47.1 percent of Washington, D.C.'s population is made up of Black Americans, and 16.8 percent sit below the poverty line. Income inequality in the city has been described as the worst in the country. While statistics can be tricky, the numbers really don't lie on this one. The bottom line? Republicans' repeated denial of Washington, D.C. statehood is a classic example of voter suppression's disproportionate effect on low-income and minority communities. This strategic disenfranchisement is entirely intentional, and falls right alongside mass incarceration in making sure minorities can't vote for leaders and policies that will benefit them—or mildly inconvenience white people, to Cotton's dismay.

An added injury to the reality of this bill is that it will likely be shot down in the Senate via filibuster, a controversial tactic with Jim Crow-era roots which requires 60 votes to shoot down.

With the continued existence of a legislative tactic that was founded in the intention of denying Civil Rights legislation, the Democrats' majority in the Senate means nothing—as does the vote of the American people. Congress remains in gridlock with the word of a single senator, and a bill that would give basic political human rights to thousands of American citizens will die because somehow Republicans just can't imagine a world without Republican Senator Mitch McConnell. At the end of the day, Americans elected Democrats into the executive and both legislative branches in 2020. Whether their votes were motivated by Trump fatigue or genuine hope for change, they voted for the platform that U.S. President Joe Biden and his associates put forward.

If Republicans (plus West Virginia Democratic Senator Joe Manchin), despite fumbling the support of the majority of the country, can block every directly needed policy change with a twiddle of their thumbs, what is the point of even electing our leaders at all? It seems that while the citizens of the District of Columbia aren't even having their voices heard, the rest of America may never see their wishes executed. Biden cannot govern the nation by Executive Order; this tactic is fundamentally flawed, antithetical to democratic principles, and far too volatile. Human rights cannot be on the chopping block every four years because no policy lives beyond its signatory. America has voted, and it is time to hold Biden & Co. accountable for the promises they made—but change can only occur if the U.S. Congress chooses to become compatible with the basic principles of representative government.

# PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

## Covid-19 Vaccinations: How the EU Dropped the Ball

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As the race against COVID-19 continues, the rates of vaccinations globally have been exceptionally varied. In large, industrialized, western countries there is a particularly interesting phenomenon. In the United States and the United Kingdom, over 40 percent of each population has received at least one dose of a vaccine and in the United States 29 percent have been fully vaccinated. By stark contrast, many European countries such as Germany, Belgium and Italy report partial vaccination percentages in the low 20s and full vaccination percentages in the single digits, according to the New York Times. Given that the European Union (EU) is a relatively similar size and has equal bargaining power with the United States and the United Kingdom, why is this vast disparity occurring?

There are many possible explanations as to why the EU is lagging behind the United Kingdom and the United States in terms of vaccinations: a lack of uniformity in member-state health care systems, the recent blot clot concerns in the AstraZeneca vaccine (their primary vaccine contract) and cultural differences in public health

perceptions all contribute to the current low amount of vaccinations in the EU. However, the most prominent reason for the EU's shortfalls is actually something much different—pharmaceutical contracts.

Earlier in the pandemic, when vaccines were still being developed, many countries invested and partnered with private companies in order to help accelerate vaccine creation. The United States spent over \$9 billion in vaccine contracts with pharmaceutical companies, not including the additional doses purchased after original contracts were set. For instance, the United States committed close to a billion dollars in development of the Moderna vaccine and close to two billion in the manufacturing and delivery of the Pfizer vaccine (Pfizer did not accept federal funding for vaccine research). Moreover, the United States contracted with Moderna, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Novavax and other companies, each for 100 million doses or more. Additionally, the United States and the United Kingdom have largely refrained from exporting domestically produced doses of vaccines such as Moderna and AstraZeneca, respectively.

The EU, on the other

hand, did not invest nearly as much in vaccine development nor did it cast as wide of a net in contracting with pharmaceutical companies. Instead, they took a more free market approach that focused their vaccine procurement on simply buying instead of development and production. The EU only spent around \$3 billion on vaccines, and had significantly less restrictive vaccine contracts with pharmaceutical companies. Unlike the United States and the United Kingdom, as of late March the EU had exported almost 80 million European-produced doses worldwide to non-EU countries. For instance, Europe shipped a mere 16 million doses to member state Germany but exported 20 million doses to the United Kingdom.

In short, the United States and the United Kingdom invested widely and early, and kept what they domestically produced, which has helped them to reach the reported vaccination levels. While it is important to note that there are a variety of other contributing factors to the EU's failure, the fact that the EU did not invest heavily in development and did not block exports of doses are clearly the most significant contributors to their current vaccination crisis.

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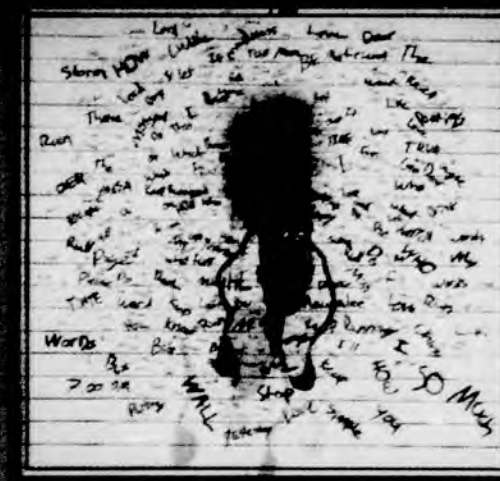
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# The Samek



## AN ACADEMIC ART LAB

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Special Features Editor

The Samek Art Museum is one of the key components of the arts culture at the University. It is not just any old museum, but a place where art and creation that is specifically curated for our community is showcased. With two locations—on campus and in downtown Lewisburg—it truly brings everyone together. Since it was first established, the Samek, like all other art facilities, has gone

through various waves of artistic style and culture.

Their mission, according to their website, is to “create meaningful encounters between artists, students, scholars, the public and works of art.” They fulfill this through various exhibits and installations at the Campus Gallery on the top floor of the Elaine Langone Center (ELC), the Downtown Gallery on Market Street, the Collection Study Room in Bertrand Library and even across campus with pop-up exhibits. They show-

case visual fine art of many subjects and mediums.

According to the Samek’s mission statement they present art “in critical contexts consistent with Bucknell’s high academic standards,” and “the museum challenges students and extends the intellectual life of campus in an informal life long learning environment.” They describe their facilities as “academic art labs” that fosters experimentation, innovation and engagement when it comes to art.

In the past, the Samek

has invited classes and organizations to spend a class period or a day at the museum in order to connect their studies and work to art. In this way, the artworks become more than just painting, drawings, graphics and collages on a wall—they take on multiple meanings through the different lenses and perspectives that the classes and organizations bring. The museum interacts with the community population by exhibits pieces created by faculty and students.

## ART IN THE PANDEMIC

This past year, the Samek has been extra creative in order to execute their mission and keep the gallery open and running through the pandemic. From beginning the pandemic short-staffed, the museum managed to turn things around

and share artwork with the community when they needed it most. “We managed to pivot with the pandemic and keep both of our museum locations open and welcome classes/visitors with new safety precautions, including requiring

masks and limiting attendance to a couple of visitors at a time,” Tiffany Demmon, the Public Programs and Outreach Manager said. During the past year, the museum held 10 exhibitions, displayed artworks chosen by faculty for class

engagement and put on numerous educational virtual events. Demmon said that she is “incredibly proud and grateful to [her] colleagues. Bucknell students, staff, faculty and the Lewisburg community for the year the Samek has had.”

## CURRENT EXHIBITS

The Samek Art Museum’s campus gallery currently houses two student-driven exhibits: “Field Notes: Annual Senior Student Art Exhibition” and “Expressions: The Body Now.”

The first showcases the artwork of graduating senior studio art majors and studio assistants. This year, the theme of the annual exhibition is field work, inspired by the methodology of scientists and researchers, students engaged in their own “recording and interpreting of the empirical world” in order to “bring meaning and comprehension to otherwise unexplainable phenomena.” Each senior selected their own topic and executed their own “field work” in order to produce a collection of artworks.

Senior studio art majors featured in this exhibit are: Kelvin Adjei-Akosah, Kalista Kocinski, Jenna Marek, Lydia Palumbo, Ethan Sales, Steven Sedig, Olivia Sherman, Chris Urin, Ruoying Zhang, Isabella Convertino, Lya Finston and Jackson Saylor. Their collections cover a range of styles and mediums, including paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures and even digitized works.

Marek used her project as an exploration of diversity at the University. “In the context of recent events and

movements, I thought it was important to explore what diversity actually means, because it isn’t just race and ethnicity, and how it is present in our campus community.” Her project served to “give voice to other students who don’t fit the stereotypical mold to talk about their story and what makes them diverse.” Marek first created a poster to showcase her personal story and allow students interested in being a part of the project to come to her; she then interviewed each person and “interpreted those conversations to convert them into digitally illustrated art pieces.”

Marek went on to say, “The seniors this year all used their work to address really important topics and create conversations, which is what art should do, so I am proud of the senior studio art majors as a whole.”

Sales focused his project on the heavily personal topic of depression. He used sculpture to illustrate the relationship between medical marijuana as a treatment and the legal barriers on it at the University. He expressed how his exhibited pieces have a “strong duality,” and went on to say, “I have experienced hardship and changes while in school but simultaneously it has made me who I am in addition to motivating

me to produce art I’m proud of.” Sales concluded by saying, “I am tied to Bucknell in a weird way” and “I feel a great sense of closure in having the art up.”

“The senior exhibition provided an opportunity to display my artwork and ideas for the entire Bucknell community,” Sherman said. She further expressed that it was important to her “that all Bucknellians, not just those who are interested enough in art to visit the Samek, would have access to [her] message.”

A virtual event was organized for the Senior Art show. “Field Notes,” this recording can be accessed through the museum’s website.

The second is a curated exhibition by students in the Museum & Contemporary Curating class taught by Richard Rinehart, the museum’s director, and teaching assistant Rachel Martine. All artworks were selected from the Samek’s permanent collection by students in the course this semester as the class project. This year’s curation explores “the vulnerability of the body” and highlights “how the physical body evokes mental sensations and immerses the viewer in a sea of emotions induced by both facial expression and body lan-

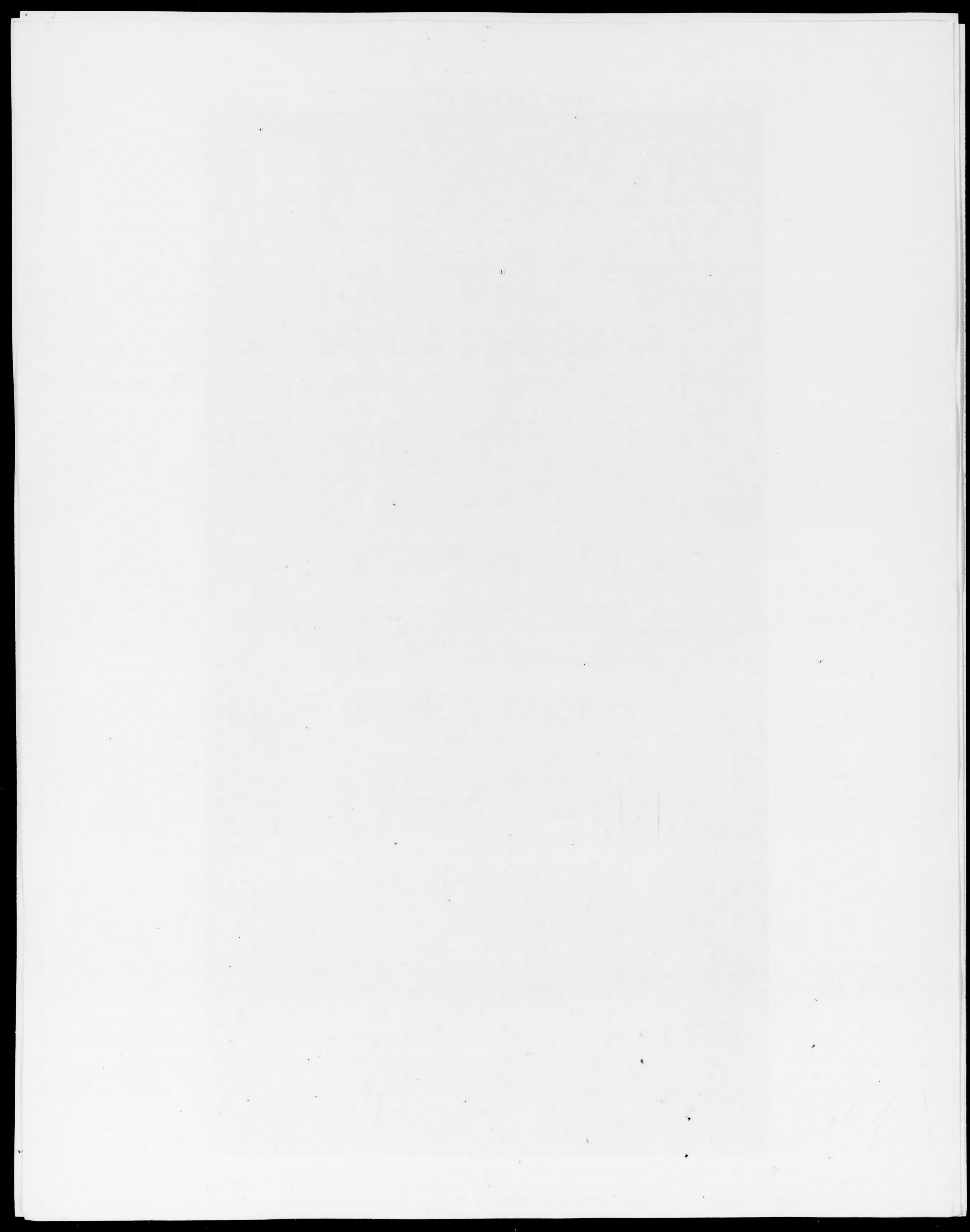
guage.”

Two artworks were curated by these nine students in the course: Will Woods ’21, Yusef Chisholm ’22, Josie Lippincott ’22, Isabelle DZenzo ’21, Ian Heinicke ’24, Noa Evenhaim ’21, Zoe Stupek ’23, Alex Hong ’24, Caroline Fitzgerald ’21, Kalista Kocinski ’21 and Cao Jordao ’21. The works include photographs, lithographs, watercolors, prints and etchings by artists such as Elliot Erwitt, David Seltzer, Ralph Gibson, Andy Warhol and the Guerilla Girls.

Lippincott shared that this course allowed her to “understand the museum’s role in society as well as story-telling mechanisms that can be applied to other areas of my life.” She went on to say, “While I have always enjoyed visiting museums, being on the other side of the exhibits has opened my eyes to the function of exhibitions and their relationship to the broader society.”

The downtown gallery is currently exhibiting “Santina Amato: Convulsive Beauty.” Santina Amato worked with Lisa Freiman, a guest curator, to bring this exhibition to the University. A weblink for the show and a recording of the virtual event can be found on the museum’s website.







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## Until we can celebrate together in person

Even though Bucknellians are located around the globe and span class years across decades, all have something in common — being a part of the greater Bucknell community and having called Bucknell's campus home. We look forward to the day we can welcome Bucknellians home to campus once again to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate in person.

Until then, we hope you enjoy all that is being provided for Virtual Reunion 2021. Through the online events, we hope you see memorable places on campus and in Lewisburg, have fun with fellow Bucknellians, hear updates from Bucknell leadership and reconnect with classmates around the world.

This publication contains articles written by fellow Bucknell alumni, most of whom are celebrating class reunions this year and many of whom wrote for *The Bucknellian* as students. We thank all who took time to write an article for this publication. We also thank Jeff Cross '82, Gabrielle (Dorland) Taylor '84, P'19 and Abbey Daugherty '12 of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for their assistance in collecting and reviewing articles; as well as Priscilla Leung '14 and Lauren Shearer '22 for doing the layout for this digital publication.

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## Orange and Blue Linings

Christine Kelleher, Class of 1991  
President, BUAA Board of Directors

When I wrote a piece for last year's Reunion Bucknellian, I commiserated with those who would be celebrating virtually instead of on campus. I certainly never expected that I'd be celebrating my 30th reunion the same way a full year later. I do hope that you and your loved ones have weathered the challenges of the past year as well as possible.

There is nothing quite like reconnecting with friends on our beautiful campus where we share so many memories. But as I write this, I am embracing orange and blue linings.



One of those has been the opportunity to connect with Bucknellians I may not have in a normal environment. I've Zoomed with my sorority sisters - some of whom I had not seen since graduation - many times this year. One weekend, a group of local alumni here in DC who didn't know one another gathered for virtual coffee. I've been able to participate in Bucknell's Women in Finance community sponsored by the Freeman College of Management and in the Bucknell Black Alumni Association weekend. We love our beautiful campus. But Bucknell is so much more than a physical place.

The Bucknell alumni network is a powerful and a unique one. From beeping and waving at a car sporting a Bucknell sticker to celebrating milestone birthdays with classmates to writing recommendations for prospective students to taking informational interviews and hosting externships, there are so many ways that we as Bucknellians touch one another's lives in very meaningful ways. This has become even more apparent now that I have friends and colleagues with children who are applying to college or are launching their career searches. Again and again, I hear how unique the Bucknell alumni network is in its generosity towards other Bucknellians.

In addition to our class Reunion, I would have been on campus in June for the Bucknell University Alumni Association (BUAA) Board of Directors meeting. The BUAA Board also creates opportunities to give back, and we've had to pivot meaningfully this year to fulfill our mission: to represent alumni, to engage Bucknellians, and to enhance and promote Bucknell University. The Board develops programming to help current students develop their networks and lifelong career skills. This past year, our virtual mentorships supported over 140 students whose internships were cancelled or who are graduating this spring. We recognize the contributions of student volunteers, and our Distinguished Ambassador Award ceremony was held virtually over winter break this year, so our honorees' friends and families were able to celebrate with us. We help our regional alumni clubs develop programming to engage our newest classes in their adopted homes, such as the virtual Bucknell in Your City events this past fall. We find ways to bring Bucknellians together for social, cultural, and intellectual exchange, including our local Coffee & Conversations gatherings. We celebrate our annual Alumni Award honorees. And we connect with our 54,000 alumni globally through digital media, including the Board's alumni Instagram takeover this past January.

The ways that the BUAA Board fulfills its mission, and the ways that we as Bucknellians connect with one another, has changed meaningfully this year. Our alma mater, and our most recent classes of graduating alumni, need our engagement more than ever. Why should we, and why do we, give back? Everyone has their own reasons.

I will be forever grateful that Bucknell took a chance on accepting me into the community. My academic preparation provided a foundation that has served me well my whole career. Studying abroad awakened an unquenchable wanderlust. Countless Bucknellians agreed to informational interviews while I explored career choices. My Bucknell friends are my family. For these reasons and so many more, I owe Bucknell. Volunteering with the BUAA Board has helped me pay it back by paying it forward.

I realize Reunion is very different this year. I hope you enjoy your modified celebration and embrace the orange and blue linings. Welcome home, Bucknellians.

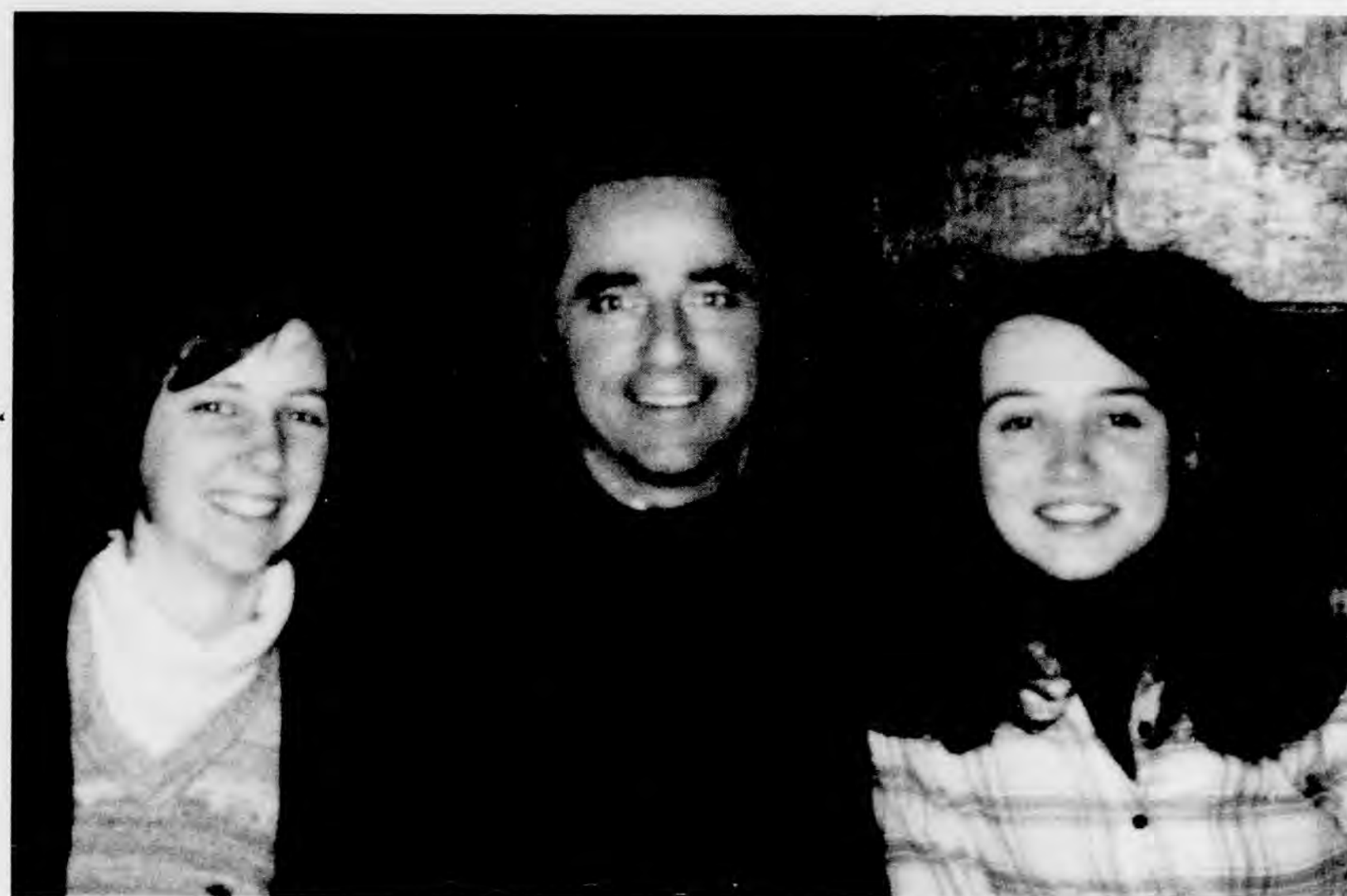


## Around the world and back to Bucknell

Barbara Gasper, Class of 1976

My two Jan Plan trips with Professor Dick Peterec top my list of memorable experiences while at Bucknell. As many of you may recall, Peterec believed that Bucknell students lived in a bubble and wanted us to become "citizens of the world". If you took any of his classes, you had to read the New York Times in order to participate in the discussion held at the beginning of every class on international current events and pass the periodic current event quizzes.

Seeing the Pyramids had been one of the top places on my travel wish list since childhood, so when a trip to Greece and Egypt appeared in the 1975 Jan Plan catalogue I signed up and talked Nancy Pichert Moore into being my roommate.



*Pictured: Nancy Pichert Moore '76, Dick Peterec, Barbara Gasper '76.*

It was the first trip that either one of us needed a passport ... and we quickly memorized our passport numbers because Dick only shouted out those numbers for us to reclaim our passports after being collected for any kind of registration. The trip began with 3 days in Athens, staying in a hotel where we wouldn't walk into the bathroom without socks on. Little did we know what a culture shock we would be in for when we got to Egypt because when we returned home three weeks later by way of that same hotel in Athens, the bathroom floor looked immaculate.

Even Dick Peterec misjudged the culture shock that his students would find in Egypt. The local bread appeared to have some kind of animal hair in it; unopened bottles of Coke were often cloudy and potentially undrinkable; and the surprise jar of peanut butter my Mom hid in my suitcase saved us from the "mystery meat" often served at dinner. Hot water in the showers for one hour every third day meant you could tell when "hair wash night" was coming by the number of us who were wearing bandanas to cover our hair. But that didn't deter our cultural education. Our group of 35 walked from Cairo to the Pyramids and then rode a local bus back to town – to the surprise of many Egyptians who couldn't believe Americans traveled any other way but air-conditioned coach. A trip out to the Suez Canal took us past bomb-damaged homes and abandoned tanks from the 1973 Arab-Israeli War. The Kappa Sig soccer players on the trip met their match in a pick-up game with some local boys in a park along the Nile. The cultural highlight, at least in Peterec's mind, was the night we "crashed" an Egyptian wedding (the bride's brother wanted to practice his English) and a group of us (including Karen Mathieson and Debbie Doyle Hager) were invited up onto the stage to sing a few American folk songs, led by Gay Huey Evans.

When Nancy and I returned to campus, we told Dick that if he went anywhere different the following January, we would be the first to sign up. So, January 1976 found us headed for Eastern Europe and Russia in the middle of the Cold War for a different kind of cultural shock. Marilyn Miller Lebhar and Karen Miller Pick came along based on Nancy's recommendation of her Egypt experience, but forgot that the high temperature in Moscow would be a bone-chilling negative 20°F. On the train to Moscow, the Russian border guards thought they were tearing the flap on Jim Potdevin's down jacket pocket when they tried to lift it up because they had never encountered Velcro. There were lots of little old ladies at the ends of our train cars who watched us like hawks, making sure we didn't take pictures of anything out of the train windows and tried to confiscate cameras if we were caught. Nancy and I spent an afternoon at the heavily-guarded U.S. Embassy cancelling my Father's Amex card after my wallet was stolen from my purse on the Moscow Metro.

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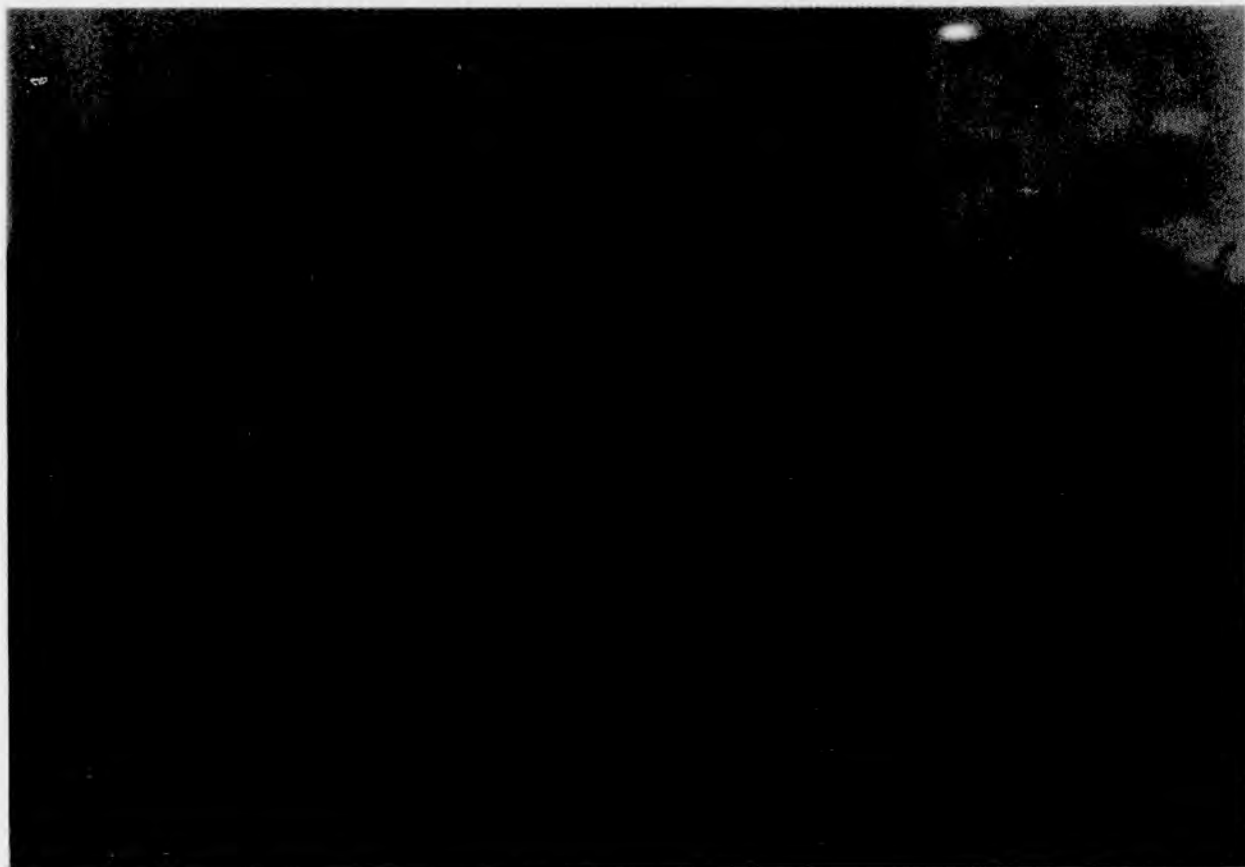


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When visiting Berlin, we stayed in East Berlin that was visually gray and grim with many buildings still showing evidence of WWII bullet holes/bombings and few people on the street after 8 p.m. This was a stark difference to crossing through a checkpoint one morning into West Berlin with its neon signs and lots of life ... it was almost like when the tornado drops Dorothy's house and she opens the door onto the technicolor Land of Oz. Our departing train headed for Poland passed through (but did not stop in) West Berlin, but not before guards came through and under the carriages with dogs searching for East Berliners trying to escape. A stop in Amsterdam on the way home transitioned us back to the more appreciated freedoms we enjoyed in America.



The memories of those trips have come back many times. In 1978, Nancy and I went to see the King Tut Exhibit at The Met in New York that was so beautifully curated - quite the contrast to what we saw at the Cairo Museum with penciled comments on 3x5 cards in dusty wood and glass cases or just piled into corners. In 2015, I returned to Berlin for the first time since 1976 to find a city where it was hard to identify what used to be drab East Berlin.



On both of my Bucknell trips, the camaraderie among the group was amazing. It brought people together who would have never gotten to know each other well otherwise. And I now have a dear friend for life in Nancy after all our shared experiences. I tried to include the names of others from the Class of '76 who were on these trips and my apologies to anyone who my "senior brain" has forgotten.

I've now traveled to all seven continents and know that my Bucknell travel experiences with Dick Peterec have made me a better global citizen and traveler. I can feel him smiling down on me every time I take the London Tube instead of a taxi or wander through a local market rather than enter a souvenir shop. Although, I still like my daily hot shower.





# The Best Thing about Bucknell

Bonnie Corrie Estes, Class of 1986

I have many lasting memories of Bucknell, the dearest ones tied to my father Dr. Bruce Corrie, who prevailed as AD from 1978-1987. I attended high school in Lewisburg, so Bucknell had been an active part of my life prior to being a student there. We attended countless basketball games and football games, home and away. Dad drove his tricked up blue and orange Bison van in every homecoming parade, and I worked many alumni reunion tent parties for extra spending money. After years of walking through the graveyard from the high school to the campus to take French classes, I became a full-fledged Bucknellian in my own right, riding my ten speed bike to college while my parents transported my clothes in the van. After a challenging year on the swim team my freshman year (shout out to Claire Schuster '86 who was a stand-out), performing in Synchronettes was fun and rewarding.



*Pictured: Bonnie as a Delta Gamma pledge.*

To this day when I hear "California Dreaming" I think of our water routine. I enjoyed the sisterhood and parties we Delta Gammas threw, as well as the Haunted House that we Alpha Phi Omegas used to put on for the community children (shout out to JoAnn Jansen '85).

I remember weekends at Cowen with the French Club, where we made crêpes and spoke French all day (shout out to Craig Prentiss '86 and Lisa Albreiter '86, whose career choice landed her in Belgium working for the UN). I enjoyed the plays I was in, such as "The Frogs" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" (shout out to Steve Freed '86, fellow Lewisburg High School graduate). I also participated in Christy's Gate, performing duets with friends in this café style setting in the Union. But the most memorable and life-changing event was my spring semester abroad junior year in Avignon, France.

We went to France for Jan plan '85 with Elaine Hopkins Garrett, French professor and mentor throughout my Bucknell career. As we traveled around France together by bus, we experienced the Christmas lights in Paris, snow in the châteaux of the Loire Valley, the WWII museum at Arromanches on the Normandy beaches, and the huge Roman aqueduct near Aix-en-Provence.

At the end of the trip, Professor Garrett dropped me off at my host family's house, waved good-bye and left me there all alone to live for the semester. For the next three days I couldn't understand a word, not used to the provençal accent in the South of France, but I soon picked it up and had a blast. I attended the American Institute of Avignon with classmates Kathy Flynn '86 and Becky Steinberg '86. All of our classes were in the target language, where we were discouraged from speaking English. From navigating through the city, to making French friends with whom I still correspond, my semester abroad gave me a new-found sense of confidence and made me who I am today.



*Pictured: Bonnie on campus with mother and father, Athletic Director Bruce Corrie.*

However, the most outstanding memory entailed a weekend ski trip to the Alps with my BU friends Kathy and Becky. We had planned to visit our Bucknell English Professor Dr. John Murphy, who had taken a year off to live in Chambéry, France with his French wife. On the way there we stopped in Chamonix where we spent the night and decided to ski. Kathy took off on her own, being an experienced skier, while Becky and I took a beginner ski course in French. That didn't help! Once I began to descend the mountain at the foot of Mont Blanc, I fell soon, but one ski didn't come off, so I ended up tearing the anterior cruciate ligament of my right knee. We never did make it to Chambéry that weekend since I ended up having surgery in the hospital, but I will be forever grateful to Dr. Murphy for his help on the phone to my parents in the States, while his wife acted as translator and liaison with the French doctors there.

Although the two parallel scars on my right knee are daily reminders of my failed ski trip, the experience I gained from Bucknell set me up for my successful 31 years of teaching high school French, and winning the national Dorothy Ludwig Award for excellence in secondary French teaching in 2016, sponsored by the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French). Merci beaucoup, Bucknell!



## Orange and Blue Mentors

Emily Bayuk, Class of 2021

"If you graduate from Bucknell without closely bonding with a faculty member, we've done something wrong," the professor announced to my class, an electrical and computer engineering (ECE) seminar for first-year students.

A unique characteristic of the Bucknell community, this close student-faculty relationship influenced and ultimately defined my personal Bucknell story.

The day that changed everything started like every other. It was Summer 2019. I was on campus conducting research, trying to figure out why GPS anomalies exist and how to use machine learning to correct them.



*Photo credit: Emily Payne*

That day, I interviewed Philip Asare, a professor in the ECE department. As we discussed my research, Professor Asare suddenly stood up and grabbed a black binder off his shelf.

"Thank you for letting me borrow this. I hope you don't mind that I shared it with the ECE Department. The faculty loved it," Professor Asare explained, returning a copy of the project I created and lent him.

I reached for the binder, recalling my high school AP physics teacher's voice, "Applications for the senior class scholarship contest are due in February," he reminded the class, as he passed out that week's announcements. I glanced around my lab, and noticed I was one of three girls in a sea of twenty boys, before reading the announcement's heading:

*Create an educational tool to encourage young students to explore a topic of your choice.*

My entry for the scholarship contest combined my love of circuits with my passion for bullet journaling. I created a non-intimidating, conceptual, introductory book about circuits to ignite young girls' curiosity in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math).

"Have you thought about publishing this?" inquired Professor Asare, bringing me back to reality, "You could self-publish through Amazon's Direct Publishing Services."

Publishing never previously crossed my mind. I was excited about this idea and eager to begin the process. As I embarked on this journey, Professor Asare became my mentor. He opened a new door for me, one that changed the course of my Bucknell experience and allowed me to give back to the community.

I published this book, *The Fundamentals of Circuits Made Easy*, in July 2019. After its release, I began speaking at events — a Girl Scout STEAM expo, Microsoft's Robotics Camp for Girls in STEM, Girls Inc. of Westchester County, Bucknell's engineering camp — hoping to share my story to reshape the future of women in STEM. I even hosted a workshop at the Lewisburg Children's Museum. Each step of the way, Bucknell's engineering professors were my biggest supporters, cheering me on and passing along additional opportunities.

In Fall 2020 and 2021, I took ECE courses with Professor Amal Kabalan, who knew about my published book and encouraged me to hand-write and illustrate additional books as my final project for her classes. She supported me immensely, and we met periodically throughout the semesters to revise and edit my drafts, getting them ready for publication.

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Late January of 2021, I developed my original book into a series, which is now known as The STEM Diaries, a platform designed to simplify complex topics using creativity and imagination to ignite STEM curiosity and build confidence in girls. I published a second book (inspired by Professor Kabalan's Energy Conversion class), created The STEM Diaries merchandise and programmed a virtual escape room to interactively teach circuit concepts. I've also curated a community on Instagram that's dedicated to building confidence in STEM (@thestemdiaries). You can learn more about me and The STEM Diaries at [thestemdiaries.com](https://thestemdiaries.com).

With the help of Professor Alan Cheville, the ECE department chair, I recently also began designing a STEM Diaries workshop (planned to launch later in 2021). His guidance, experience and expertise has been invaluable during our weekly meetings, as he helped in the creation of this online class, which allows students to express creativity while learning about STEM.

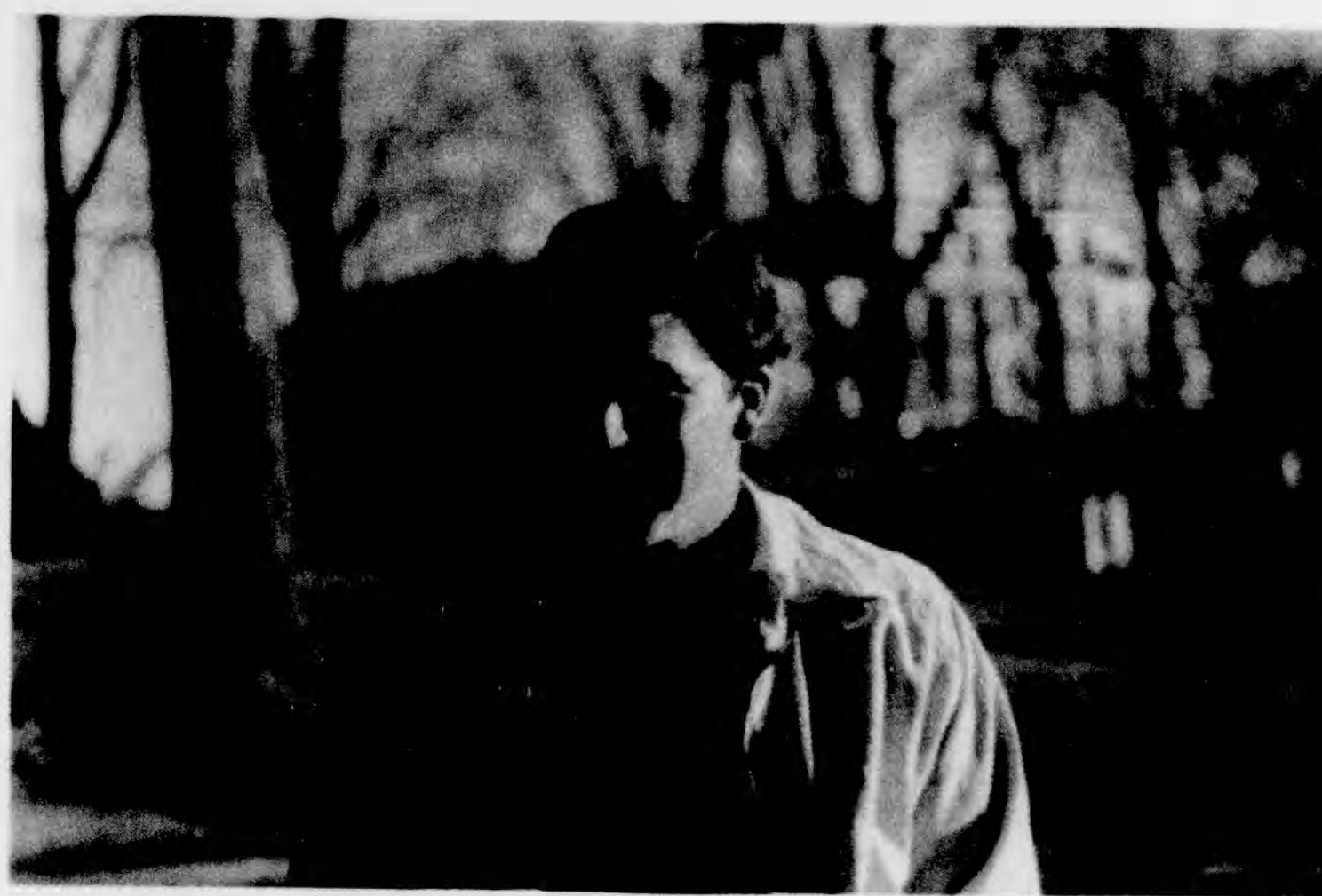
The influence, support and mentorship from the ECE Department and the Engineering College as a whole have shaped my time at Bucknell and will leave a lasting impact on my life, for which I will be forever grateful. They embody Oprah Winfrey's words, "A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself."

## As I Please

Matthew Stevenson, Class of 1976

I hadn't been long at Bucknell in the fall of 1972, my freshman year, when I made my way to the basement of Roberts Hall, pushed open the door to the offices of The Bucknellian, stared at those banks of oversized manual typewriters, and volunteered for service.

I cannot remember exactly who was there putting together the next issue, but Jane Harris, Trice Ingrassia, and Alan Grochal come to mind. I was sent off to Market Street to report on some aspect of the meat industry at Weis Markets.



*Pictured: Matthew Stevenson on campus.*

It's possible that some students had organized a meat boycott or it's possible that there was a spike in retail meat prices. I worked my way up and down Market Street, interviewing shoppers, butchers, farmers, and store owners, and submitted a story that was only marginally shorter than most doctoral dissertations.

The then Bucknellian news editor kindly sat me down in the office, explained that this was a student newspaper, not Pravda or the Manchester Guardian, cut the story in half, and published my report on the following Friday, launching my career—really my life—as a Bucknellian writer and contributor.

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As a sophomore, as soon as I had unpacked my duffle bag and registered for classes, I was back down in the Bucknellian offices, this time assigned to write a weekly column, then called *Conversations*. I think the previous columnist, Kim Scheppele, had gone off on a junior year abroad (as I would do the next year—it was a Bucknellian thing), so I didn't have a lot of guidance on what was involved in writing a weekly column.

I made it up as I went along, writing 800 words a week on whatever subjects came to mind (usually at the UC Center late on Wednesday nights).

A lot of what I wrote, I now realize, was ranting—about fraternities (I didn't much care for them), the Bucknell administration (spending too much money cutting the grass, I thought, and not enough on ideas), or the Bucknell bookstore (it wasn't selling the books that interested me).

In many ways the column, which I resumed writing as a senior (under the rubric of *As I Please*), was my emotional center at Bucknell, one of the few places where I could express my thoughts, be myself.

My friends became the others on the paper—I am still in touch with Trice, Bill Saporito, Greg Moyer and Sue McCrory (they married)—and it was through the lens of the Bucknellian that I saw the University, if not the world.

At the time I struggled with aspects of Lewisburg life. I liked my classes, playing touch football on the quad, and the professors, but I never reconciled myself to the insularity of central Pennsylvania. In the course of writing about my feelings, weekly, I grew to see the world in a more balanced, nuanced way, and always with a reporter's eye.

To channel some of my anger about the Vietnam War, I wrote a long account of ROTC (the Reserve Officers Training Program on campus), spending a weekend with it “on maneuvers near Harrisburg.” Some of my best friends on campus became the officers and students in that program.

In many ways, in the intervening 50 years, I have yet to leave those offices of the Bucknellian. I still write a weekly column (on subjects that amuse or frustrate me), and something within me late on Wednesday nights still feels the need to sit in front of a keyboard, making things up as I go along.

For the last 30 years I have lived in Europe, in a Swiss village outside Geneva, and I spend my time writing articles and books about the things that interest me (a new book, *Biking with Bismarck*, describes riding my bicycle in search of the waypoints of the 1870 Franco-Prussian War).

I am sure that's only a cover — and I am still, at another level, writing *Conversations* or *As I Please*, eternally a college sophomore, happy that the Bucknellian still wants to hear what I have to say.

Matthew Stevenson '76 has a masters degree from Columbia University and worked professional in finance for many years. He is the author ([matthewmstevenson.com](http://matthewmstevenson.com)) of many books, including *Reading the Rails* and *Appalachia Spring*. His most recent books are *The Revolution as a Dinner Party*, about China throughout its turbulent twentieth century and *Biking with Bismarck*, about the Franco-Prussian wars in France. He is married to Constance Fogler, and together have four children. They live in Laconnex, Switzerland. His email is: [matthewstevenson@sunrise.ch](mailto:matthewstevenson@sunrise.ch).



Pictured: Matthew's article on the front page of *The Bucknellian*, November 16, 1973.



## Honoring the Bucknell legacy

Amy Yowell, Class of 2021

Like most legacy students, I was initially resistant to the thought of attending Bucknell. I had wanted to follow my own path and not follow the path laid out by my father, John Yowell, who had graduated from Bucknell in 1975. This all changed when I visited Bucknell during a reunion and took a tour. I hadn't realized that I was basing my ideal school after my many visits to Bucknell until I took a closer look.

After reflecting on these past four years at Bucknell, I realized I had done something more powerful than forge my own path: I had continued a legacy. Through attending classes in Vaughn Lit, eating in the LC, and spending time on campus, I was able to step into the past and experience the same things my father had over 45 years ago. It became a frequent topic of conversation and even a joking point of contention between the rest of the family jockeying for who attended the best school. Ultimately, it brought us closer together.

I am incredibly proud to be a legacy and to carry on the tradition started by my father back in 1971. I am a member of the next generation of Bucknell alums who have experienced new majors, buildings and amenities, while still sharing the same Bucknell spirit at the core. What I have now experienced within the Freeman College of Management was experienced by my father as one of 30 management majors in the basement of Coleman Hall under the watchful eye of Sid Miller.

It is in this honor of old and new traditions that I decided to replicate one of my favorite photos of my father from his time at Bucknell. The original photo was taken by my father's friend, Dottie Schnure '75, in the Vaughn Lit Library. With the help of my own friends, I was able to replicate the photo. I borrowed clothes from one friend, obtained the same textbook (the first and only book I had ever checked out of the library), and another friend, Elise Rubenstein '21, took the photo. I initially replicated this photo as a Christmas present for my father, but it ended up being the perfect way to capture and preserve my own piece of the lasting Bucknell legacy.

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*Pictured: John Yowell '75*



*Pictured: Amy Yowell '21*



## A Career Plan?

Eric Riess, Class of 1971

As a career coach, I've worked with a number of young people over the last 20 years, helping them decide on a career path. Most worry that they don't know what they want to do. My advice is to suggest they ask anyone over 50 (parents, friends, neighbors) if they had any idea that what they were currently doing as an occupation was what they planned when they graduated college.

Most of you know the answer: 'No.'

Bucknell trained many of us in specific areas of expertise – particularly science and engineering – and that was a springboard to a related career. But even then there were detours and adventures that were not in the plan. For those of us in liberal arts, the journey has been one surprise after another.

As for me, who began as a chemical engineering major, the handwriting was written on the walls of *The Bucknellian* office in downtown Lewisburg. There in Art Miller's print shop I learned my career craft under the tutelage of professors Harris (Fabian '68) Baker (Larry '69) and Feir (Bob '69).

I can still remember Larry screaming at me after I turned in my first short article and he ripped it to pieces. My reaction was not what he expected and he unleashed another stream of invectives. But, with the help of the newspaper's advisor, Brad Tufts, I survived.

I had a faculty mentor, but Brad was my go-to guy for everything from career help to dating advice. The fact that he was, and continues to be, among the best editors ever to strap on a green eyeshade, was just a bonus. He now lives in Hilton Head, manages to get out to the golf course regularly and lamented to me recently that the drives off the tee just don't seem to have the distance they once had.

You see his invisible hand in the Class Notes section of Bucknell Magazine which he continues to edit. His knowledge of Bucknell, Bison sports and the news in general is unmatched.

My girlfriend and I used to babysit for Brad and Betty's two young girls. They lived at the top of a huge hill far off campus. I don't remember the house but that hill is etched in stone on my memories.

Brad was also the one I went to when Dean Pecala sat me down after first semester sophomore year and explained that my cumulative average did not suggest that I was going to graduate as a chemical engineer. In fact my grades suggested I wasn't going to graduate at all. If it hadn't been for the assistance of Jane Howe (Lingeman), who tried to rescue me from my class in theoretical math, I would not have had a cum to average.

Perhaps a change in study plans to, say, political science, might be more appropriate, Dean Pecala suggested – for someone who spent 30 hours a week working for *The Bucknellian*'s two editions each week.

Brad seconded the motion and I went from 32 hours of classes and labs to 16. I was upset that no one had ever explained this disparity to me.

Two and a half years later, I sat at graduation next to basketball player Chris Riley, as he sang the lyrics to Shorty Long's "Here Comes the Judge" over and over and over. Bonus points for any of you who can remember our speaker. All I can remember is "Court's in session, now, here comes the judge."

I do remember President Charles Watts shaking my hand as he handed me my diploma case, taking pride in noting that not everyone got the handshake treatment. I attributed it to my work as managing editor at *The Bucknellian* where, unlike many students, I had actually met President Watts several times.

Yes, 1967-71 were turbulent years on campus and I was in the thick of debates on Viet Nam and campus protests, but it got me into dual careers as both a newspaper writer and photographer which lasted almost 30 years.

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Then I morphed into career coaching and now as a Building Biologist and part of the two person health and wellness company my wife and I run from the San Francisco Bay area.

Did I plan any of it? I think we all know the answer to that.

Things I remember from my years at Bucknell:

- My first view of Rooke Chapel from the main entrance off route 15.
- The view out my third floor room in Trax Hall.
- Professor Smith's Organic Chemistry Class at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
- Swimming class in P.E. at 8:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Debating the placement of Viet Nam casualties with Bucknellian editor Paul Osher.
- Trying to walk down the snow-covered hill behind Roberts Hall after a fraternity party.
- Walking up that same hill, anytime.
- Freshman year members of the opposite sex were not allowed in the same room with the door closed - by senior year we had co-ed dorms. Huh?
- Playing bridge in The Bison while having a Bisonburger.
- Learning to compose type, which meant reading upside down and backwards - a valuable skill.
- My Selective Service physical -senior year. I was 4F - asthma.
- Professor Pederick's Political Geography lecture on borders.
- Trying to figure out Plato in my political science class - I get it now - too late.
- My first class: Economics 101 with 300 other freshmen (my HS senior class was only 272).
- Cruising ECB Library looking for a place to study - preferably next to a cute girl.
- My roommates - Bob Raymond and then Doug Hovey. Freshman Hall RA, Dr. Phil Kerstetter



*Pictured: Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library circa 1965.*



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*Pictured: Joey Gutierrez '11 with other Orientation Leaders.*

## **Appreciating the Bucknellians who shaped us**

Joey Gutierrez, Class of 2011

For me, COVID's silver lining is that it has sparked tremendous reflection for many of us. Extended time at home and limited opportunities to build new relationships or deepen existing ones has elevated the importance of deep social connections in our lives. As my 10-year Bucknell reunion draws closer, I find myself more actively appreciating the ways in which the University and the people I met there have changed my life.

Three people in particular — Dean Amy Badal, Professor John Hunter and Professor Bill Gruver — had an outsized impact on how I think and what I value. Each personifies the deep connection between faculty and students present in many Bucknell experiences.

Dean Badal ran the orientation program, which would become the extracurricular that most dramatically impacted my time at Bucknell. I transferred into Bucknell at the beginning of my sophomore year and first benefitted from the orientation program as a new student. The following year, as an Orientation Assistant (OA), I got to pay my terrific experiences forward and welcome McDonnell 3SE students to Bucknell. As a senior, I joined the program again as an Orientation Leader and got to work with a team of OAs to lead eight first-year and transfer student halls through orientation programming and the beginning of their Bucknell experience. Dean Badal built an incredible culture for the orientation program. Everything we did felt important, special and intentional. I learned a lot about the importance of crafting uniquely powerful moments that I carry into how I manage, build relationships and interact with other people.

Professor Hunter was my academic advisor and most important academic influence. He advised me on my senior thesis and instructed me in numerous classes as a Comparative Humanities major. For anyone who knows John, they know he has an impressively broad grasp of history, culture and where the world may be heading. While his intellectual prowess was always impressive, it was his tremendous heart that really stuck with me. Immediately after Bucknell I moved to California to continue my studies and as a parting gift, John gave me his favorite books relevant to my intended course of study signed by faculty members of our department. I have tried to carry his sense of connection and support with me in all of my relationships.

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Finally, Professor Gruver brought high standards and a sense of practicality to my academic experience. I took his class, "Leadership: Theory, History, Practice" in my senior year and it could not have been more perfectly timed. It was equal parts reflective synthesis, acknowledgement of all of the leadership skills I had passively learned at Bucknell, and active preparation for the "real world." Through guest lectures and rigorous debates, Professor Gruver inculcated us with the sense that we were leaving Bucknell with significant potential to effect change and should take that responsibility seriously. His class modelled great leadership through the guests who shared their stories each class, enabling us to see the impact their decisions had on institutions and people. I became more thoughtful about how I might influence others and make the most of the situations I found myself in.

Dean Badal, Professor Hunter and Professor Gruver each had an outsized impact on my life. As the worst parts of the COVID-19 pandemic seem to be behind us, I have found it is instructive to reflect on my greatest influences, which for many of us, may have stemmed from our time at Bucknell.

While I will miss the beautiful campus, Color Games, the Lewisburg Freez and Houseparty Weekend, my Bucknell experience was ultimately centered on the incredible people I met during my time there. Ten years after leaving campus, these indelible marks persist, and I am left with questions like: how I might hope to have this kind of impact on other people? This Reunion week, while you are reconnecting with past friends and building community, I hope you take a moment to reflect on who from Bucknell changed your perspective and how you carry those lessons with you now.

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## Fake News – A Bucknell Story

Mike Pellini, Class of 1986

It was late 1985 and the Bucknell Student Government had just wrapped up an historic congressional meeting. During the meeting, government representatives learned that a student led organization was allegedly embezzling school funds. The floor of the room where the student government met (a large lecture hall on the second floor of the 'UC, now the Langone Center) was completely silent. These accusations, if true, were unprecedented and outrageous.

The Student Government Appropriations Committee was tasked by the University with overseeing the administration of the student activities fee, a nominal fee (perhaps \$100 per student), that was automatically added to tuition and used to fund clubs and organizations around campus. Although inconsequential in comparison to the overall tuition, when multiplied by the 3,200 students attending the University, the fees totaled hundreds of thousands of dollars. Each year, the Committee was responsible for doling out the funds based on detailed club appropriation requests. The Committee was then responsible for overseeing that the allocated dollars were spent as requested.

As the Appropriations Committee Chairperson set out his case that late winter evening, it seemed clear what had to be done. Entrusted with the oversight of student funds, the student government had to investigate the alleged fraud by auditing the organization's financial records. There was one small problem, however. The target of the investigation was the most powerful organization on campus; one that had historically received more student allocated funds than any other club or organization on campus and a constant critic of the student government. The Government's target was none other than the student newspaper, The Bucknellian, bastion of campus free press and primary distribution source for "Za's" coupons.

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*Pictured: Mike Pellini '86*



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Undeterred, the Congress voted and the wheels of justice were inextricably set into motion. Of course, there was no possible way that The Bucknellian was going to allow the overreaching, first amendment killing, power hungry BSG (affectionately known to the editors as the Bucknell *Stupid* Government) to inspect their books and records. Simply put, The Bucknellian was not going down without a fight.

Being mature teen and twenty-somethings, rather than engaging in civil discourse to de-escalate the conflict, both sides immediately reached for the nuclear button. The student government fired first, chaining and padlocking The Bucknellian office doors. No one was allowed inside (not even to retrieve personal items or textbooks for class). Until every penny of student money was accounted for, The Bucknellian would be prohibited from publishing another issue. "Show us the books" became the government's rally cry.

For their part, The Bucknellian retaliated and responded with an equal display of maturity, civility, and decorum. They went rogue. As any good newspaper would do under the circumstances, The Bucknellian published an underground edition (or at least I recall it looking quite "underground") attacking the Student Government with a scathing account of recent events and clever cartoons depicting the "clowns" who were undoubtedly to blame for this miscarriage of justice.

I suspect that John Dunlop, the Dean of Students and ironically the faculty advisor to both The Bucknellian and the BSG, must have been aghast as he watched the drama unfold. I remember the Dean sitting quietly at the Congress meeting when the vote was taken, appearing both shell-shocked and half panicked. I can only imagine the Dean's Monday morning staff meeting with President Gary Sojka when he had to explain why the two organizations he advised were on a path to mutually assured destruction. Ultimately, the administration had no choice, they had to step in and quell the insurrection. I recall the Dean announcing to the Congress in a humorless tone that its inquisitive folly was over. I suspect he gave a similar speech to The Bucknellian editors in their offices. Perhaps the Dean even partook in the byproduct of The Bucknellian's fraud while he was there, because I now suspect that the only thing the newspaper ever bought with illicit funds was pizza and beer to help meet its late night deadlines.

Hindsight and the benefit of 35 years of life experience has provided an interesting retrospective on what we learned from our Bucknell experiences and how those lessons can be applied to our lives today. Time has offered a new perspective and a new appreciation of Bucknell's education. Exploration and experimentation allowed us to work through issues on a micro-level before heading into the larger world. Our experiences in the "Bucknell Bubble" helped shape our understanding of the right ways to resolve conflict, feel empathy, and solve problems from multiple perspectives. Bucknell taught us to be leaders, thinkers, and selfless givers.

This year our country endured one of the most demanding, divisive episodes in its history. Our political and societal issues were exacerbated by the suffering induced from a year-long, deadly pandemic. Yet, despite the problems we have endured, it is comforting to know that new generations of Bucknellians, those who will be tomorrow's leaders, are at this very moment learning the important life lessons that only a Bucknell education can uniquely provide.

Mike Pellini served as an editor to The Bucknellian from 1982-1984 and as Vice President of the Bucknell Student Government from 1984-1986.





## Where could we be with music?

Brad Brown, Class of 2011



*Pictured: Candlelight Service, December 2009.*

*To thee we swear our proud allegiance,  
Thy loyal sons are we, and true;  
Nor time, nor tide, nor fortune's pageants  
Shall daunt the orange and blue;  
Then with thy glory e'er before us,  
Our loving tribute we will bring,  
And once again in hearty chorus,  
Thy praise, dear Bucknell we will sing.  
-S.S Merriman, Class of 1896*

When my fond memories of Bucknell come trooping by, an overwhelming majority of those thoughts have a soundtrack. The sound of the handbell choir as viewed from the choir loft in Rooke Chapel during Bucknell's Candlelight Service. The sound of the pep band as heard from all corners of a sold-out Patriot League Championship game in Sojka Pavilion. The sound of acapella music during a fall, Family Weekend. The sound of "Dear Bucknell" being sung on the Malesardi Quad at night as thousands of candles are lit on the eve of Commencement.

If you close your eyes and listen for your Bucknell soundtrack, I would argue that in spite of an inability to gather together on campus in-person, it will be your soundtrack that can best transport you to campus, and vice versa.

Quite literally, without music, in my case, choral music, my list of shared Bucknell memories could have more easily remained unfulfilled or unrealized dreams.

I was born in Lewisburg and grew up in the neighboring towns. My mother taught elementary music for over 30 years, all while serving as a full-time church organist and choir director. Given my family's proximity to campus and our affinity for music, I was fortunate to grow up attending the annual Bucknell Candlelight Services. It was in special moments like these, seated in the audience, that my youth's undaunted chorus was forged into a desire to become a Bucknell student.

By the time I had submitted my early decision application to Bucknell in the fall of 2006, my dreams of being a Bucknell student included crystal-clear visions of me wearing an orange wig to cheer on the Bison in Sojka Pavilion, wearing a blue blazer to sing acapella with the Bison Chips, wearing an orange and then blue shirt as member of the Orientation staff, and of course, wearing a maroon choir gown as a member of the Rooke Chapel Choir.

Although I went on to spend plenty of time in class, not enough time in the library, a more than reasonable amount of time in the Bison and too many all-nighters in 7th Street Café, I spent a profoundly significant amount of my time as a student singing. On more than regular occasion, and certainly during the more significant moments of my student journey, the song I was singing was "Dear Bucknell."

A decade removed from these memories, still carrying the joy of fulfilling my aspirations as a student, I'm beginning to realize just how quickly the years steal swiftly o'er us and how increasingly strong of a bite winter's sting can be. I still have a keen passion for our University and will always love the melody (and Tenor harmony) of "Dear Bucknell." So much so, that during my 5-year class reunion dinner, I made it a point to share the little known, hardly sung, third verse of our Alma Mater with those gathered together, as we once were as students, on the Malesardi Quad. Please consider this my formal nomination to recognize it as the "Reunion Verse."

So now, if you didn't before, close your eyes and allow yourself to be transported to campus. Where, in spite of the time that has passed, the challenges and successes we have experienced while apart and embracing life's journey ahead of us, we have brought our tributes, none-greater than ourselves, to sing in hearty chorus of our love for Bucknell and our soundtracks of memories we will forever hold dear.



# The Enduring Lessons of Freshman Term Paper Disasters In a Time of Tweets

Patrice Ingrassia, Class of 1976

Professor John Tilton handed me the first term paper I turned in as a Bucknell freshman.

I was proud of it. A fast writer new to The Bucknellian staff, I anticipated a good grade.

Instead, I was horrified.

Not a sentence was unmarked. Dozens of questions regarding word choice stared me in the face. Split infinitives were called out. Was the sentence in the second paragraph essential? What was I really trying to say in this paper?

I had never seen so many comments on anything I'd written!

John Tilton was a tall, trim, angular man who I recall wearing classic corduroy and cardigans. He spoke precisely, with a dry sense of humor. He was a formidable thinker, and I imagined he studied at a great university, like Oxford or Cambridge.

The good professor took the time to meet with me for an hour to go over my fiasco sentence-by-sentence. It was humbling. Although he was also the Chair of the English Department, with numerous responsibilities, he also devoted one hour to every other student in my class. And he made a subsequent appointment for each of us after returning our second paper.

He infused in me a lasting principle: the notion that good writing comes from clear thinking. He encouraged me to deliberately think through the best expression of each sentence and inspired me to deliver that.

The impact? Although this was 1972, when writers still used typewriters and editing might entail retyping an entire page, I worked hard to respond to his generous investment of time in us. My editing for The Bucknellian became more discerning. My term paper writing got crisper. My thinking process became more rigorous and I learned I couldn't simply "knock out" a good analysis. Gradually, my writing improved.

If he taught me how to write and edit, Professor Marilyn, aka Mardi, Mumford, taught me how to appreciate good writing. In contrast with John Tilton, she exuded rascalion energy and had a hearty, contagious laugh. A student in her freshman women's literature class, I was engaged by her tour-de-force approach to novels and poetry.

She also marked up my papers! She pushed me to understand the themes, settings and characters. A feminist at a time when young women were evaluating who we wanted to be, she became my advisor. Her Canterbury Tales class bringing the Wife of Bath to life was education at its best. On my visit years later to Canterbury, that class was my Baedeker.

While Professor Tilton has passed, Professor Mumford lives in South Carolina with her son and family. Still connected, we've joked over the years that she is my mentor, and I am her nestor.

The care demonstrated by these two professors went beyond helping me appreciate good writing and sharpen my own writing skills. The lesson was far more valuable and lasting: they were inspirations who cared about who we were as individuals.

After graduation, I taught high school English and journalism, followed by an international business career. The development of hundreds of students and staff was my responsibility. The memories of my tutelage helped me take care in guiding and interacting with them, providing richer, meaningful experiences for all of us.

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*Pictured: Patrice Ingrassia as a freshman in front of Bertrand Library.*





*Pictured: Patrice and Professor Mumford celebrating Mumford's 80th birthday in Lewisburg.*

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Today, technology has dramatically changed communications. We compose on computer software with the benefit of spelling, word choice and punctuation suggestions that makes editing easier. Tweets and other social media posts instantly ensure publication. Mobile video can substitute for writing.

I wouldn't trade this technology for a world without it.

Yet my Bucknell experience makes me wary of relying on it solely. I try to make time to think about what I really want to say, write and edit, as I learned in college. I try to not fall hostage to instant venting on social media posts that can be a meaningless expression or, worse yet, damaging to others.

What kind of woman did this '70's student become? Someone deeply grateful that her freshman English professors cared to push her forward in a more meaningful way.

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## Follow My Lead

Sharon Craig, Class of 1971

A couple months back, my husband handed me the Bucknell Magazine (Winter 2021) open to a picture with "Caption Contest" above it. I finally noticed the stacks of old-fashioned "inboxes," one labeled with my name, Sharon Douton, Feature Editor. I didn't come up with a clever caption, but the photo reminded me how important writing, journalism, and The Bucknellian were to me, 50 years ago, and still.

I became a "reporter" in second grade for The Buckley Breeze at my elementary school. I was both a reporter and editor in grades 7-12, and in my senior year, I got a job at my local newspaper, Manchester (CT) Evening Herald. My work there through college led me to think seriously about a journalism career. But I also loved teaching first graders at my church. When I looked for a college, I wanted a strong English department, education department, and a school newspaper. Bucknell fit the bill.

I arrived at Larison Hall in the fall of 1967. Two weeks in, my hometown newspaper arrived, announcing the death of a schoolmate, only 19, killed in Vietnam. It was a stark moment and contrast to the fun of new roommates and new academic challenges. I found a place in the small group of elementary education majors I met, and with Dr. Heiner, my teacher and advisor until I graduated.

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*Pictured top to bottom: Janet Koch Boschen, Deb Middleton Single, and Sharon Douton Craig, 1971 outside Swartz hall.*



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I felt ready for the challenges. The tutelage and support of wonderful high school teachers, most particularly my journalism adviser, prepared me. They, along with the quirky, disparate group of editors I worked for at The Herald, taught me the importance of listening and asking questions. They insisted on research, more questions, and on creating a good product born of solid revision and editing. They were encouraging and forgiving of mistakes.

I found Dr. Heiner to be a similar teacher and mentor. As I faced students, first as a tutor, later as a student teacher and eventually, in my own classroom, I used those lessons to guide me. We developed journals with case studies and problem solving procedures that helped us help students. I kept those those journals and much more!

When May, 1971 arrived, I had a job offer at the newspaper, but I was still torn. I loved my student teaching experience that last semester. I had also met a young man, still at Bucknell. I got a job in Lewisburg where I taught third grade. I invited local journalists in and we produced a class newspaper. I had found a way to meld what I loved into one job.

Mike Craig and I were married in 1973, and moved to Pittsburgh. He went to Pitt Dental School, and I became a claims investigator for The Hartford Insurance Group. I interviewed hundreds of claimants and wrote hundreds of summaries of my investigative work. My lessons and experiences continued to inform my work. When Mike opened his solo dental practice in Milton, five miles from Bucknell, I could deal with the insurance side of the practice.



*Pictured: Deb Middleton Single, Sharon Douton Craig, Janet Koch Boschen recently reunited in Cape May, N.J.*

We settled into life in the Susquehanna Valley. I became an active volunteer and substitute teacher. I returned to full time teaching in the early 1980's, became a mom to Amanda, who now works at Bucknell, in 1985, and immersed myself in her activities. I brought writing and classroom newspapers to 6th grade students until retirement in 2007. I have long written promotional material for the many organizations with whom I worked over the years, and I continue to do so.

Part of getting old enough for a 50th reunion, for me at least, has been to begin the "purge" of all the "stuff" tucked in closets throughout the house. It's a lifetime of memories and work product. The Buckley Breeze newspaper with my first story is missing, but I did find a yellowed, crumpled Bucknellian clipping announcing my promotion to Features Editor.

I also came across a 1998 reflection from my last BU course, Curriculum and Instruction. I had mused about Alex, one of those quirky, hard driving editors from The Herald. I'd forgotten, I wrote, how much he taught me and encouraged me. I'd forgotten how much my life choices had been molded by following his lead.

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# 'Ray for the Orange and the Blue(berry) Scones

Emily Fry, Class of 2011

One of my favorite classes at Bucknell was an anthropology class on food and culture in which we learned how food gives meaning to time and place. For so many of us Bucknellians, food is deeply connected to some of our happiest memories of our time at Bucknell. Cafsgiving with friends before break, long dinners in the Bison catching up on the weekend, or running into friends while you were hunkered down in 7th St Cafe studying with a coffee or two. For me, one of the aspects of Reunion that I'll miss the most this year is the chance to gather once again with old friends (and their growing families) to create new memories over the familiar dishes of cornbread at Ard's and bull dip at Bull Run.

In the months leading up to a virtual reunion, I spent some time thinking about what dish I might make at home to remember my days at Bucknell and to mark my 10 year reunion. In my time as a writer for The Bucknellian, I wrote a cooking column and in the absence of sharing meals in person during Reunion, I wanted to share a recipe in honor of dear Bucknell. I hope you enjoy these "ray for the Orange and the Blue(berry) Scones." Happy baking!

## Ingredients

### Scone

- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- $\frac{3}{4}$  teaspoon kosher salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold and cut into cubes
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups blueberries
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup heavy cream, plus more for brushing
- 2 large eggs

### Glaze

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1-2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon orange zest
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon vanilla

## Directions

- Step 1: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium sized bowl, sift together dry ingredients (flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt). Using a pastry cutter or your fingers, cut in butter until the largest pieces of butter are the size of peas. Stir in zest and blueberries.
- Step 2: In a separate bowl, whisk together cream and eggs. In the center of the flour mixture, make a well. Add the cream mixture in the well, combine using a fork taking care not to mash the blueberries.
- Step 3: Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Use a scoop to place balls of about  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of dough on the baking sheets about 2 inches apart. Brush tops with cream.
- Step 4: Bake until tops are golden brown, about 15-20 minutes, rotating pans about halfway through. Let cool on the sheet 5 minutes, then transfer scones to a wire rack and let cool completely.
- Mix powdered sugar, orange juice, zest and vanilla in a small bowl until smooth. Add the juice slowly as you want a thicker consistency for your glaze. Using a spoon, drizzle glaze over the scones.



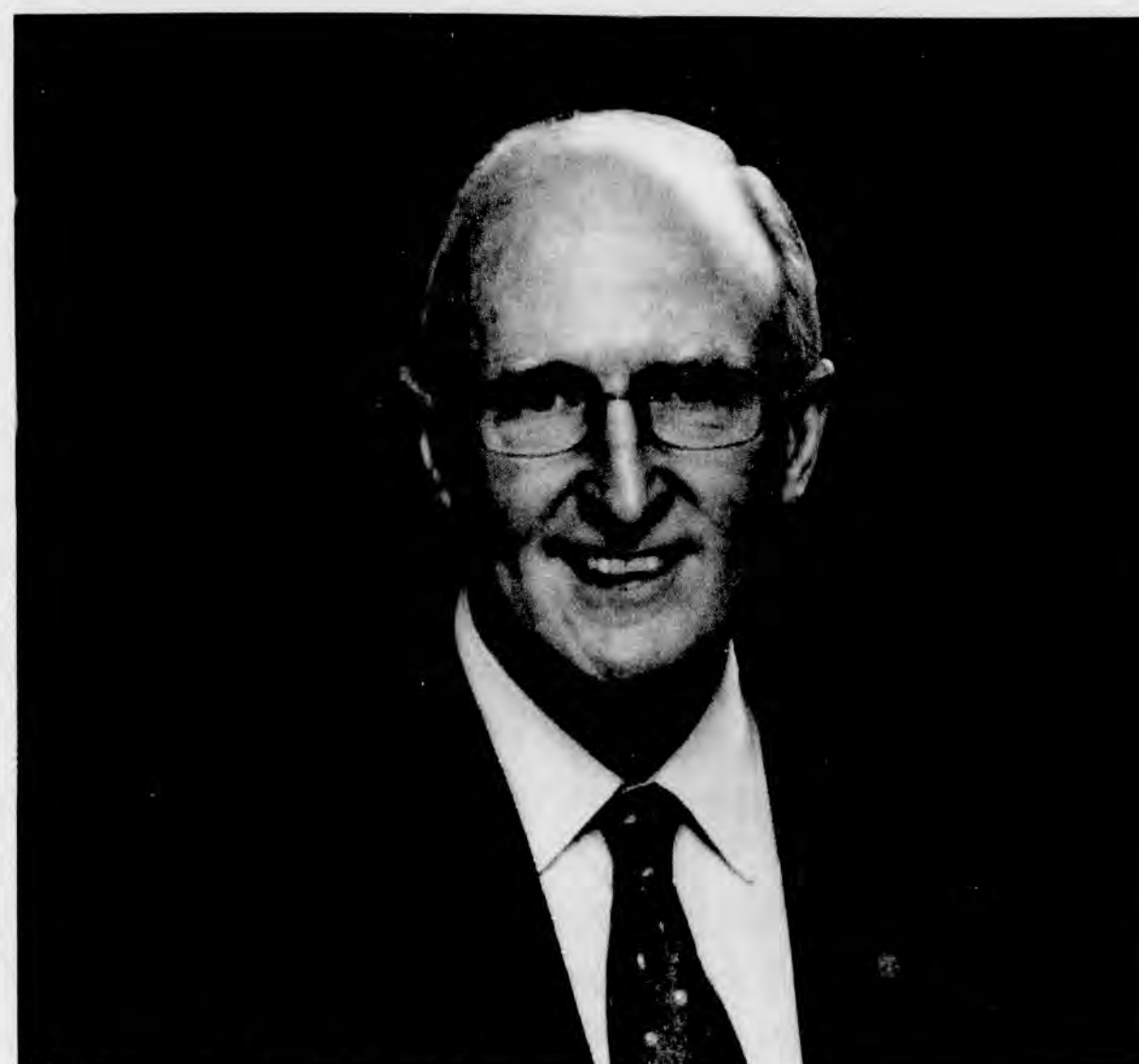
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## My Bucknell at 60 years on

Robert Scott, Class of 1961

As I contemplate our 60th Reunion, memories come to the fore. I remember my first days on campus, moving into 227 Swartz Hall after attending the off-campus freshman orientation program. It was where I first met students, faculty, and staff with whom I would interact for many more years. I entered Bucknell supported by an American Baptist Association scholarship and intending to become a Minister. I was the first in my family to attend college.



*Pictured: Robert Scott '61*

Over time, I have stayed close to Bucknell, even serving as president of the Alumni Association and a member of the Board of Trustees. On the board, I met William R. White '26, who had been board chair when I was a student and chairman of the Men's Judicial Board. He remembered my visit to his office on a stormy January day in NYC to protest a decision by President Odgers to overturn a Judicial Board action.

Throughout my life, I have maintained ties with schoolmates and others I met while studying at the "Friendly 300." These encounters include one at the Philadelphia Naval Base as I was about to leave for a tour of duty. Another was at an outside market in Baguio, Republic of the Philippines. Most have been in the U. S. and include those whom I knew either as a student or as a staff member.

As a sophomore, I had doubts about why I was in school and whether I could afford to stay, even with campus jobs. I decided that I should enlist in the U. S. Navy as my father had. Fortunately, my English Professor and faculty advisor, Mildred Martin, talked me into rethinking my decision and urged me to see Dean Charles Meyn about additional scholarship assistance. Together, they helped me figure out how I could stay financially and why I should stay intellectually. I still have the letter detailing the increased aid and the standards I would have to meet to maintain it. I have been indebted to them and to Bucknell ever since.

Although I had thought of majoring in Religion at Bucknell, I decided on English. I also was interested in Psychology and remember the day we had to declare our major. Vaughn Lit was closer to a meeting I had to attend so I went there instead of Coleman Hall.

I worked in Bertrand Library for 20 hours per week and became fond of my supervisor, Miss Miles. Harold Hayden, the Director of the Library, was also encouraging. He thought I should become a librarian.

I arranged to work most of my hours on Saturday afternoons, which meant that during the fall semester I could read the books on reserve and not have many interruptions. Most students were at Christy Mathewson Stadium. However, I did not miss out on the evening social life. I remember listening to Johnny Mathis singing "Chances Are" on the juke box at the Bison, dancing at the Sweet Shoppe, and talking with friends at Guy's, where Carl Stillo was our barber.

I ran for elected office each year, and served on the Swartz Hall Council, Men's Judicial Board, and Class President. I became a Resident Hall Advisor and then Head Resident, all responsibilities that added to the "well" of experience upon which I still draw. It was then that I developed even further than in high school the skills of communication in writing and in voice, the abilities of reasoning and leadership, and the values of respect for others.

I remember a writing class with Karl Patten and learning the difference between coffee as a stimulant and alcohol as a depressant. I loved Harold Miller's Latin class, even at 8:00 a.m.; he was knowledgeable about Greek medicine as well as Latin poets and had an engaging style. I remember debating Richard Butts about the value of fraternities, even though I resigned from Phi Psi due to its costs and membership policies. (I later rejoined.) When I studied Sociology for my Ph.D., I remembered Hans Wagner's class at Bucknell.



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After a class with Robert Gross, I resolved to translate the "Canterbury Tales" during the summer. While I did not complete my own assignment, I enjoyed reading the "Tales" again and writing essays inspired by Chaucer's Middle English stories.

I studied Religion with Mark Ebersole and worked for him as a student researcher and assistant. I enjoyed driving to and from the Williamsport Airport to pick up visiting speakers as well as analyzing course enrollments and similar statistics. Years later, when I was at Cornell as Senior Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, I was honored when Mark asked me to be his vice president for academic affairs at Elizabethtown College. I was not the top student in his classes, but he must have seen something in me. While I declined the opportunity, he and I stayed in touch and corresponded often.

By my junior year, I had decided that I wanted to enter advertising as a career. During Spring Break, I had interviews with N.W. Ayer in Philadelphia and McCann-Erickson, J. Walter Thompson, and BBDO in New York City. The common advice was to get a job at Procter and Gamble. So, when I returned to campus, I told Dr. Ivey in the Testing Center that I wanted to sign up for the P&G interview. He said that I shouldn't because I was an English major and they wanted business majors. I like to think that I told him that they should make that decision. I got the interview and the job.

Despite this choice, it was at Bucknell that I became dedicated to a life of learning, the importance of questions, and writing as well as speech for communicating ideas. It was there that some lasting ideas about liberal arts education were formulated and guided later decisions as a dean and a president. I believe in distribution requirements but oppose course sequences more designed to lead to a doctorate than an interdisciplinary journey among different fields. I also came to think that the curriculum and extra-curriculum should be coordinated so that the foundational principles of a "liberating education" could be coordinated. These principles include Knowledge, both expert in a major and general education in electives and required courses; Skills such as writing with coherence, grace, and precision, and speaking with clarity and persuasiveness; Abilities such as reasoning and leadership; and Values such as regard for others, respect for diversity, and teamwork.

At graduation, President Odgers congratulated me and asked if I would join the Admissions staff. I said that I wanted to become president of P&G. While at P&G, I was called up for the draft, but wanted to join the Navy, so I enlisted. After the Navy, I decided that I did not want to return to P&G and applied to law school. When I went to register, I decided that I did not want to practice law, so I called Bucknell to ask if an Admissions job was open. It was and I spent two wonderful years working and learning with Fitz Walling '46, Dick Skelton '60, and Dick Tyrell '63.

Working at Bucknell gave me the opportunity to renew and deepen relationships that had started when I was a student. I not only had the chance to thank former teachers but also to become a colleague in a professional endeavor. I also served as an advisor to Phi Psi and became acquainted with many students there and in campus activities. A few of them are friends to this day. I count Gil Holmes '69, now a retired law school dean, as a special member of this group.

One of the people I met upon my return to Bucknell was Dick Eckhouse, the new director of the Computing Center. He and his wife lived across the hall from my wife and me at 34 Brown Street. We became friends and went camping together. On one occasion, Dick and I talked about computing, with which I had become knowledgeable while in the Navy, and how Information Technology could be useful in college admissions. We talked through the algorithms, i.e., the decision processes admissions officers used, at a picnic table and wrote a program. Imagine my delight when we presented our paper at a national conference and our program was adopted by 100 or so colleges. This experience came in handy not only at Cornell but also when I was asked to turn the five public campuses in the State of Hawaii into one integrated admissions system.

President Odgers was succeeded by Charles Watts, for whom years later I would write the Memorial Note for The Century Association Archives. Fortunately, I had gotten to know Charlie informally through the good offices of Bill Weist '50, his assistant and "Jack of all trades."

During my first year, I asked Fitz if we knew why some students accepted our offer of admission and others didn't. Those questions led to research and my first two professional publications. They also resulted in an invitation to attend the Harvard Summer Institute where I met and studied with the late David Riesman, a Sociologist of renown, and Dean Whitla, Director of the Office of Tests and Institutional Research. In my class was Professor Steve Parrish, Associate Dean at Cornell. Steve invited me to exchange "Buck" for "Corn" and my wife and I moved to Ithaca. It was there that I earned my Ph.D. and started writing in earnest.

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While at Cornell, I became active in the Bucknell University Alumni Association (BUAA). When I became vice president and then president of the Association, Bill Weist helped me organize a Dean's Advisory Council. Carol Pope Halstead '63, and Bob Howell '60 were instrumental members. During the years 1974-1978, the BUAA initiated a *Bucknell World* Advisory Group, Bucknell Alumni University, the Association for the Arts, the Alumni Club Handbook, the Fund for Excellence grants for faculty, the Alumni Faculty Fellows Program for young faculty, a Directory of Alumni and both a column for alumni and a listing of books by faculty, staff, and alumni for *Bucknell World*. We also established the "Class of 1846" designation to include graduates of the Bucknell Institute for Foreign Students and other friends of the University, recommended the separation of

graduation and reunion which resulted in greater attendance by alumni, sponsored the alumni golf and tennis tournament and the Summer Guest Program, expanded the number of tours available to alumni, and affiliated with the Williams Club in New York City. Key members of the board were Jane Brown Maas '50, Berda Stout Rittenhouse '53 and David Hurwitz '47.

When Dennis O'Brien became president of Bucknell in 1976, he invited me to be his vice president for development. Having served the University actively for a decade, I decided not to accept his offer but instead joined the Indiana Commission of Higher Education as head of academic affairs and statewide planning. While at the Commission, I met Gary Sojka, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University, who, on behalf of the University, was requesting approval of a new science building. Imagine our surprise a few years later when as president of Ramapo College of New Jersey I marched in Gary's inauguration as president of Bucknell.

When I arrived at Ramapo, I was greeted by Rich Conti '63, a friend from Bucknell, who was a member of the College's Board of Governors.

In 1991, I was honored to receive the Bucknell University Alumni Association's Award for Distinguished Service in Recognition of Achievement in a Chosen Profession. This was a deeply appreciated marker on a journey that started with my 1961 diploma.

Bucknell was a starting point for me in many ways. My "well" of experience was enriched by the people, ideas, interactions, responsibilities, opportunities, and challenges it provided. I am the better for it.

Bucknell bonds are deep. I urge all alumni to find theirs and to nurture them.

*Robert A. Scott, Ph.D. is the only person to hold the top three posts in American higher education: president of a private university, Adelphi (2000-2015); a public institution, Ramapo College of New Jersey (1985-2000); and a statewide higher education coordinating board, New Jersey (1994) and the Indiana Commission on Higher Education (Assistant Commissioner, 1979-1985). He is the author, editor, or contributor to 18 books, monographs and chapters, and hundreds of articles on higher education and social issues in professional and popular media. His latest book is How University Boards Work, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018; Eric Hoffer Awardee, 2019. He taught in the Anthropology Department at Cornell University and ethics at Ramapo College.*



***Pictured: Robert A. Scott, president of Adelphi University, speaks to the class of 2011 at the Nassau Coliseum. Credit: Howard Schnapp.***



# 2021

## ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

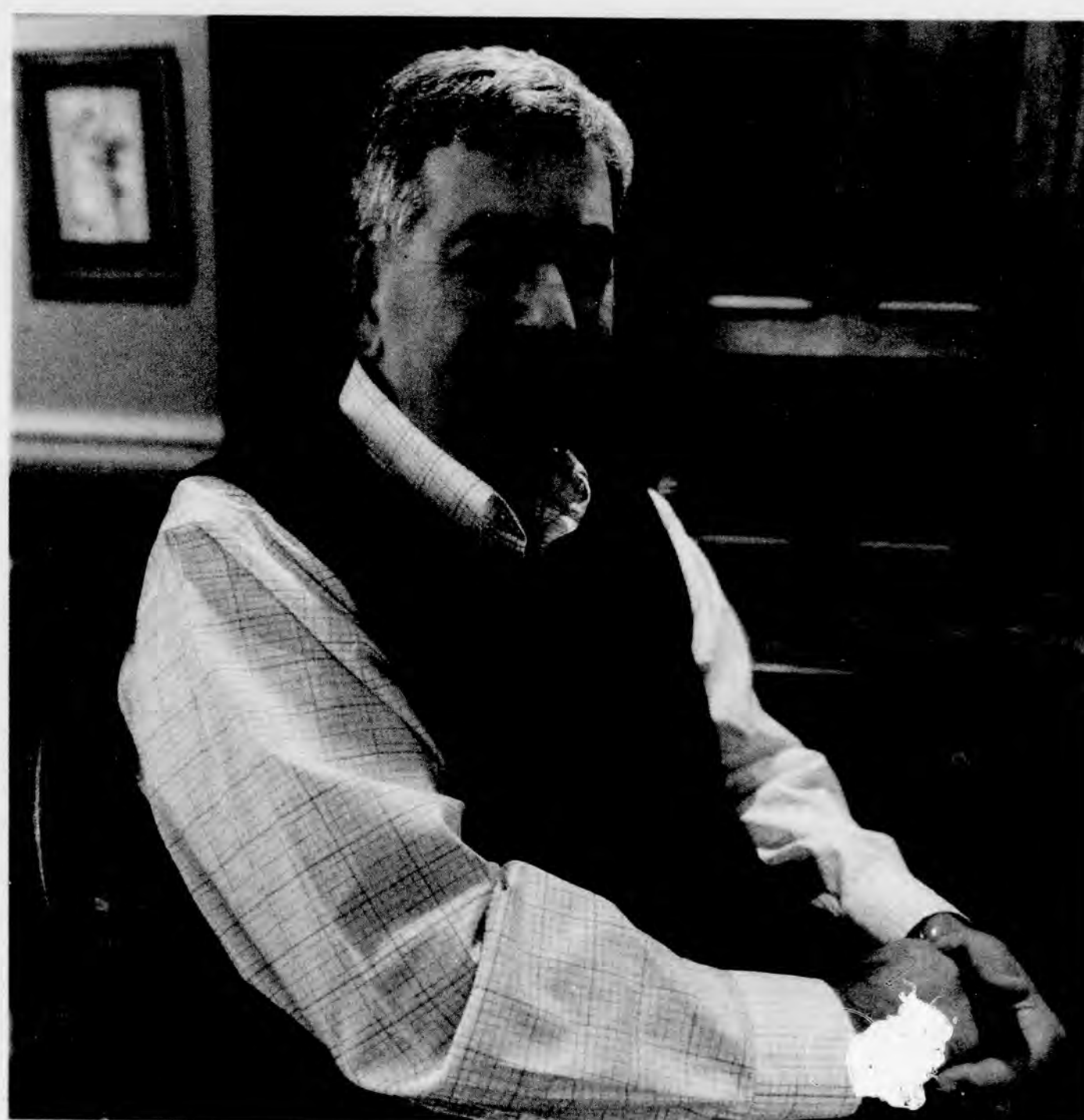
Congratulations to our 2021 Alumni Award recipients! The Bucknell University Alumni Association honors alumni annually for their achievements and loyalty to the University.

### Loyalty to Bucknell: Joseph Fama '71

If you talk to **Joe Fama**, you will quickly find out two things: He is an engineer, and he proudly went to Bucknell.

As a child, Fama remembers drawing the inner workings of rockets when he was in third grade and tearing apart a lot of his toys (though he didn't always get them back together). Coming from an urban high school in Washington, D.C., to the much quieter environment of Lewisburg, Pa., was a major change of pace, but it allowed him to learn what he was interested in: how mechanical and electrical things work, and how to design and build them.

Bucknell was the right place for Fama because the professors — particularly Charles Coder, mechanical engineering — showed him the process of identifying a problem, looking for root causes and then determining a solution. He still uses the critical thinking tools that were learned at Bucknell in his work today, although many tools have turned from analog to digital.



He speaks highly of his classmates, recounting how regardless of their field of study, they shared his love of knowledge and were simply good people. The fact that Bucknell's community of students, faculty, staff and alumni were so engaged in their mission of educating students pointed Fama on his path of volunteerism with the University.

Upon returning to D.C. after earning a graduate degree at Bucknell, he started working in the mechanical construction industry, and at 30 he started his own construction management operation. Fama holds a Professional Engineer license and earned an M.S. in reliability engineering from the University of Maryland at 48. His projects have varied over time, but the capstone was the opportunity for his firm to design and manage systems in all the buildings on Capitol Hill 20 years ago.

In the years since he left Bucknell, Fama's work as an alumnus has included being a guest lecturer, a mentor, a member of the Bucknell Engineering Alumni Association (BEAA) board, president of the BEAA for four years, a member of the Bucknell University Alumni Association Board of Directors and a Reunion chair for five Reunions. He's also been active in giving committees and top prospect calling. The Reunions have been especially powerful experiences because while Fama's classmates have grown and changed, their underlying strengths have remained.

Even further, Fama has worked with his church and volunteered for 20 years as a high school lacrosse coach for both men's and women's teams. Fama and his wife, Maureen, were married at the end of his junior year at Bucknell and have two children and three grandchildren. They spend their time in Maryland and at the beach in Delaware.



# 2021

## ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Outstanding Achievement in a Chosen Profession: Gay Huey Evans '76

A celebrated professional, **Gay Huey Evans '76** has found success not only in her career but in making a difference in the lives of Bucknell students. An impactful figure in the finance and commodity industry for the past 30 years, Huey Evans has established experience as a market practitioner and regulator, giving her deep expertise across commerce, risk, governance, policy and regulation in capital markets.

She serves as chair of the London Metal Exchange (LME) and also serves on the boards of Standard Chartered, ConocoPhillips, IHS Markit and HM Treasury. She is a trustee of Benjamin Franklin House, senior adviser to Chatham House and is a member of the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations and the India-U.K. Financial Partnership.

Since taking up her role as chair of the LME, Huey Evans has supported and steered a number of key initiatives. She launched a major technology infrastructure rebuild and also developed initiatives tied to sustainability and diversity and inclusion. Awarded an OBE in 2016 for services to the financial service industry and diversity, Huey Evans is a passionate advocate for ensuring markets build trust through accessibility and transparency and for increased diversity in business.



Huey Evans has previously served on the boards of Itau BBA International, the Financial Reporting Council, Aviva and the London Stock Exchange. She held executive roles with Barclays Capital, Citi, the Financial Services Authority and Bankers Trust. Through it all, Bucknell has retained a special place in Huey Evans' heart. She credits the University with teaching her to ask questions that generate meaningful and relevant responses and to analyze information to formulate realistic conclusions. Furthermore, she says, Bucknell opened her eyes to a world of young individuals who have a lot to offer the world.

Since graduation, Huey Evans has remained in touch with a few close classmates and stayed engaged with the University in transformative ways. She has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees, keeping her connected to ongoing policy and administrative matters.

On an even more personal level, Huey Evans has stayed engaged with current Bucknell students through her support of an annual fund scholarship. She enjoys receiving letters of gratitude from students — yet another way she can stay connected to the Bucknell community.

When Huey Evans attended Bucknell, alumni invested in her and helped open doors to her bright future. Today, she's paying it forward and creating those same opportunities for the next generation of Bucknell graduates.

"We all understand the importance of investing in a good education, so I encourage all to do what they can," she says. "It's the best way to stay connected not just to memories, but to Bucknell students today and for the future. Soon enough, they will be alumni too, and then they can start making their own connections by investing in other students."



# 2021

## ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Service to Humanity:

### Dr. Joan Hoshauer Madison '51, P'81

The life's work of **Joan Hoshauer Madison '51, P'81** exemplifies the selfless, caring deeds honored by Bucknell's Service to Humanity Award. Madison grew up in Williamsport and Edinboro, Pa., and enrolled at Penn State University before transferring to Bucknell as a sophomore. She majored in biology and served as a lab assistant to Professor Roy Tasker along with Lois Eberhart '50. After her graduation, Madison attended Temple University School of Medicine, along with Eberhart and six other members of her class. In her Bucknell lab, she also worked with Gilbert Friday '52 who also went on to Temple Medicine and introduced her to her future husband, James F. Madison, whom she married a few days after her medical school graduation in June 1955.

Confused with the dual responsibilities of making a difference and making a living, Kauffman joined the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone where she worked for over two years. This experience helped transform her vision of what was not only essential, but also possible to do in her life. On return to the U.S. she became involved in the fight for women's issues, especially gender violence, reproductive justice and immigrant health. She worked in southern Mexico, California and later went back home to Lancaster where she served as a social worker in her former high school for the pregnant and parenting teen program.



Madison became board-certified in allergy and immunology in 1972 and was a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. She was a member of the Vermont Medical Society and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and served on the admissions committee at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. A member of the state medical society's EXCEL (excellent care at end-of-life) Committee and the Vermont State Pain Initiative, Madison received the state medical society Award for Community Service in 2003.

In December 1996, Madison's husband died of pancreatic cancer, and because he was so appreciative of the care he received from hospice, he wanted any donations in his memory to be used to establish an educational program to teach all caregivers, especially doctors, how to care for the dying. Her activities were redirected toward fulfilling his dying wishes and keeping up with the homefront alone.

She retired from practice in 1997, and with help from hospice, started with the Madison Memorial Lectures, a series of free talks for both the lay and medical community. In the next year, after her close friend and colleague Dr. Robert Deane also died of pancreatic cancer, she helped establish the Madison-Deane Initiative. Over the next 20 years, Madison-Deane brought well-known experts in palliative care and hospice for annual talks to both the community and medical professionals.

Their volunteers also visit churches, senior citizens' groups and nursing homes to share information on advance directives, palliative care and hospice. In 2003, Madison-Deane received a grant to make a documentary video, *Pioneers of Hospice: Changing the Face of Dying*, which has been distributed worldwide and won a National Hospice Video Award. Madison has served on boards for United Way and the Shelburne (Vt.) Historical Society and has been a gardening volunteer for 30 years at the Shelburne Museum.

Madison's greatest source of pride is her family, and she was blessed to have a supportive husband and the constant support of their three children, their spouses and four grandchildren. Very special memories for her include attending Bucknell Reunions with her father, Dr. John Hoshauer '26, P'51, G'81, and oldest son and daughter-in-law, as they were lucky enough to be on the same five-year Reunion schedule.

She is very proud that her oldest son, John '81, a Corning chemical engineer, is now on the Bucknell Engineering Alumni Association Board and that his wife, Karen Seymour-Jones Madison '80, now retired from Corning, served on the Bucknell University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

In August 2020, she celebrated her 90th birthday with her family in the Adirondacks and was presented with a new "Joan" Deere tractor so she can continue to mow five of their 20 acres to help her son maintain the homestead.



# 2021

## ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Young Alumni: Nadia Sasso '11

**Nadia Sasso '11** is a creative cultural producer and unconventional scholar based in Los Angeles, with expertise in developing engaging creative content and driving strategy across platforms and media.

With 10 years of experience, Sasso uses the power of media storytelling to engage, inspire and connect people around the world with stories they love. She advocates for changing the way relationships are built, fostered and established across various industries in the African Diaspora and on the African continent.

During her time at Bucknell, Sasso was a Posse Scholar and remains in close touch with other Posse alumni in the L.A. area, including Nakea Tyson '11, Michael Tonge '12 and Marissa Calhoun '10, who continue to support each other in their endeavors.

Sasso credits professors Coralynn Davis, Alexander Riley, John Rickard, Elaine Hopkins, the late Carmen Gillespie and Michelle Johnson as instrumental influences on her academic and professional careers.

Sasso received a Ph.D. from Cornell University and provides expert insight and advice on content for TV shows and films relating to the African Diaspora. Most recently, she produced and directed *Am I*, an independent documentary film starring Issa Rae that explores the complex identity formations of young African women living in America and West Africa.

Nadia has proudly hired Bucknell University alumni as interns, and she currently works with Amarachi Ekekwe '18. She has been recognized by former President Barack Obama, Katie Couric and others for catalyzing innovative and positive change via filmmaking and social work, and is frequently honored as a social impact honoree, prolific public speaker and panelist at prestigious conferences and universities.





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## BISON WOMEN'S ROWING ENJOY UNDEFEATED WEEKEND

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Women's rowing defeats George Mason University and George Washington University on the Occoquan Reservoir.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SOFTBALL

VS COLGATE ON MAY 7 AT 2 PM AND 4 PM

VS COLGATE ON MAY 8 AT 1 PM AND 3 PM

#### BASEBALL

VS LAFAYETTE ON MAY 8 AT 12 PM AND 3 PM

VS LAFAYETTE ON MAY 9 AT 12 PM AND 3 PM

#### WOMEN'S ROWING

VS ITHACA ON MAY 8 AT 4 PM

Justin Schaumberger  
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison women's rowing team enjoyed a very successful weekend of competitions. On Saturday, the Bison competed at home on the Susquehanna against Fordham. On Sunday, the Orange and Blue traveled to Virginia to compete against George Mason and George Washington in the George Cup. Both days were successful for the Bison as the First Varsity 8 remained unde-

feated and the Second Varsity 8, Third Varsity 8 and Varsity 4 all won their races.

On May 1 the Bison Second Varsity 8, Third Varsity 8 and Varsity 4 all competed in races in a dual meet against Fordham on the Susquehanna. The Second Varsity 8 took the place of the First Varsity 8, who was preparing for the George Cup, and beat both the First Varsity 8 and Second Varsity 8 of Fordham by over 9 seconds. The 2V8 boat consisted of Caroline Lopez '24, Chloe

Segal '23, Alex Rothstein '21, Kate Meerscheidt '22, Kassia Schubert '21, Caroline Keating '22, Olivia Smith '21, Christina DeMola '23, and Ally Demas '21. The 3V8 boat also had an impressive showing, winning their race by 15 seconds. The boat was crewed by Ally Triano '24, Amanda Penning '24, Annabelle Kaeli '24, Madie Henderson '22, Abby Malek '24, Dehli Rotchford '24, Kiera Mastropietro '21, Riley DeBaecke '23, and Melissa Farraher '22. The Varsity

4 capped off the day winning their race by a convincing 20 seconds. The Varsity 4 consisted of Jaclyn Romano '22, Millie Malloy '23, Anna Scheitler '21, Jess Volcheck '22 and Ava Rysman '23.

On the next day, the Bison Varsity 8 continued their unbeaten season emerging victorious against George Mason and George Washington. The Bison finished the 2,000 meter course 7 seconds faster than the Colonials and 26 seconds faster

than the Patriots. The boat was steered by Juliette Gagini '24 as she directed Natalie Kreusch '22, Erin Sullivan '22, Casey Miller '21, Caroline Brandt '23, Maddie Wickers '23, Olivia Zavrel '21, Elizabeth Berlinger '23 and Caitlin Cobb '21.

The Bison will look to build off the undefeated weekend as they prepare to host Ithaca on May 8 at 4 p.m. The Orange and Blue will also celebrate the seniors prior to the race.

## Bison softball endure tough weekend at Army



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCKNELL ATHLETICS  
Sarah Baluch '22 swings for a pitch.

Nick Sperduto  
Contributing Writer

It was a tough weekend for the Bison softball team, especially at the plate. In four combined games, the Orange and Blue managed just 13 hits to Army's 31, falling 3-0, 5-0, 3-1 and 3-2 in a series of low-scoring affairs.

In game 1, the Bison fell by a score of 3-0. Army jumped out to the 3-0 lead early on, and the Bison bats were stymied by the Army pitcher, who had a no-hitter going until the final inning. Sarah Baluch '22 managed to break up the no-hitter and recorded the lone hit for the Bison. Olivia Marinelli '23 started the game for the Bison, giving up six hits and three runs over three innings. Kelly Toomey '22 provided solid relief in the final three

innings, giving up just two hits and allowing no runs while striking out three.

The Bison were unable to score again in the second game, losing 5-0. The Bison posted three hits in the first two innings, but failed to capitalize on the base runners. Kaiya Burton '23 pitched five innings, with four earned runs.

The Orange and Blue were able to get on the board in game three, but lost by a score of 3-1. Toomey was called on once again for the Bison, pitching all six innings while striking out five and allowing seven hits. Jazmyn Stokes '21, Jess Hom '21 and Baluch all recorded hits in the contest.

The fourth game was a close contest, with Army squeaking out a narrow 3-2 victory. Baluch stayed hot at

the plate for the Bison, going 2-4. Taylor Wolfgang '22 had the lone RBI on a single in the bottom of the sixth, and a wild pitch saw the Bison cut the lead to just one, but the comeback ultimately fell short and the Black Knights secured the series sweep.

"Unfortunately, our team has hit a bit of a slump in the offensive area and we are just struggling to push across runs. So the cards didn't fall our way. However, we are not a team that just throws in the towel. After a tough weekend, we had an off day on Monday and then got right back to work on Tuesday," Wolfgang said.

The Bison close out the 2021 campaign with four games opposite Colgate, starting with a home doubleheader on Friday, May 7 scheduled for a 2 p.m. first pitch.

## Bison field hockey makes history



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCKNELL ATHLETICS  
The team celebrates their great accomplishment.

Roger Mellado  
Staff Writer

After upsetting both the number 2 ranked American Eagles in the semifinals and the number 1 ranked Boston terriers, the Bison made their first NCAA appearance in program history this past weekend at Penn State.

On Friday, the Bison faced off against the VCU Rams in their first tournament game. It was a defensive battle for most of the first two quarters of play. After a penalty corner opportunity, the Rams took the lead 1-0 going into the halftime break. Six minutes into the third quarter, the Bison earned a penalty corner opportunity of their own. Midfielder Mary Kate Stefanowicz '22 was positioned perfectly to send the ball into the back of the goal.

After a scoreless fourth quarter, the Bison again found themselves entering a do-or-die overtime situation. The first overtime went by without either team scoring.

Goalie Clara McCormick '23 made a remarkable 1-on-1 save against a charging defender, further solidifying her place as one of the top goalies in the Patriot League.

With 13 seconds left on the overtime clock, it appeared as though the Bison would again be taking a game to an overtime penalty shootout. As the clock ticked down, the Bison launched penalty corner into the circle. After a flurry of passes, shot attempts and finally the resounding thud of the ball hitting the back of the goal, the Bison swarmed Stefanowicz yet again in celebration of her game-winning goal.

Immediately following their on field celebration, the ladies had to prepare for their elite 8 matchup against the second-seeded Michigan Wolverines.

On Sunday afternoon, the Bison squared off against the Wolverines at Penn State. The Bison played Michigan tough as nails through the first two quarters, with the first goal coming out of an

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# Baseball has tough weekend

Alex Bolinger  
Senior Writer

The Bison had a tough weekend against the UConn huskies in a two game series. The games were make-ups from earlier this season that were cancelled because of COVID. Although the two games were tough they were important for the Bison to experience before heading into their last series of the regular season. They play Lafayette next weekend in an important series that will decide whether or not the Bison make the Patriot League playoffs.

In the first game of the weekend the Bison had a tough time getting anything going offensively against a talented UConn Huskies

squad. The Huskies were able to open up their offense with a four run second inning. That marked the beginning of a tough weekend for the Bison. On the mound, Will Greer '23 suffered the loss but pitched well against a talented Huskies offense. Senior Matt Otsen '21 threw towards the end of the game and pitched well in his appearance. Overall, after nine innings the Bison fell 9-1.

The second game did not end up any better for the Bison even though they showed good heart. Going into the fourth inning the Bison were only losing 5-4 after an impressive four run 3rd inning. Unfortunately the Bison could not hold on as UConn started to pull away after that, using a 6 run

6th inning. At the end of it the Bison could not manage enough offense to keep up with the impressive Huskies and lost the second game of the weekend 13-6.

"It was not the weekend that anyone wanted, we knew we could keep up with this UConn team if we did everything right. Unfortunately we could not do those things and know we have to switch our attention to the most important series of the season," said Brenden Tuttle '21.

The Bison will need to quickly put these two games behind them and move on to playing Lafayette this weekend. This four game series against the Leopards will be the reason why the Bison either make the playoffs or end their season.

## Women's track and field jumps into third place at Patriot League Championship

Cat Jamison  
Contributing Writer

This past weekend at Shea Stadium the Bison (129.5) placed third behind Navy (295) and Army (216) in the Patriot League Championship. They were followed by Boston University (61), Lehigh (52), Holy Cross (34.83), Loyola (33), Lafayette (19), Colgate (10), and American (4).

The Bison were led by Alex Butz '21 who captured her first Patriot League gold medal in the high jump (5-6.5) achieving her personal best placing her 4th in Bison history. Butz had an incredible day also working her way to second in the top ten list for pole vault with an impressive score of (12-5.5). Alex Butz explains

that "It was really awesome to get first after such a difficult year with Covid. It has always been a dream of mine to get first in the high jump so that was really fulfilling to do that at my last meet as a senior."

Butz was followed by first year Abby Kates '21 in the high jump in her championship debut. Butz stated that "it was really rewarding as a captain to have one of my freshmen get second place in high jump and so many other young girls do so well after such a hard year. It just showed that everyone's hard work and dedication really paid off."

Reflecting on her first championship Abby Kates describes the feeling she got from the roar of orange and blue cheering her on is something

she will never forget. "I feel like coming in third place as a team has really motivated us to train harder and give Army and Navy a run for their money at the indoor championships next winter which will be especially exciting for the class of 2024 as we have not competed indoors yet at Bucknell."

Both Maura Fiamoncini '21 and Ashlyn Ramos '22 also earned event victories at the Outdoor Championships. Fiamoncini was named Patriot League Field Athlete of the week for her throwing success and Ramos ran the second fastest time in school history (16:23.17) after being crowned champion on Friday.

After finishing up a successful season the Bison are looking forward to dominating the Indoor season next winter.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ALEX BUTZ '21  
WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

PROFILE

HOMETOWN: PARKTON, MD

HIGH SCHOOL: HEREFORD



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BUCKNELL ATHLETIC DEPT.

Holly Burns  
Senior Writer

This past weekend, the Bison men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Patriot League championships. Alex Butz '21 won her first Patriot League gold medal with the Orange and Blue in the high jump (5-6.5). The Bison placed third overall at the meet.

Butz spoke on the teams success at the meet this past season, explaining that they "did really well at the Patriot League Championship overall. We came in third to Army and Navy compared to last year when we got fifth, so it was a huge improvement overall. Also to put it in perspective we got almost double the points this year than we did last year. We

have a lot of people moving onto the ECAC championship and a few qualified for NAAs, so I'm just really proud of how everyone's hard work is paying off."

Butz has been an important member of the Bison track and field team since her first year in Lewisburg. During her career with the Orange and Blue, Butz has been named Second Team All-Patriot League in 2018, 2019, 2020 Indoor, and for her high jump performance.

"I am the athlete I am today because of my coaches and teammates. My teammates are constantly pushing me to be the best version of myself so I owe a huge thanks to all my teammates this year and especially my teammates from previous years who were my role models." Butz said. She spe-

cifically credited her former teammates Lexy Forrestal '20, Sydney Contrino '20 and Isabella Bjorkeson '19 for helping her grow both as an athlete and a person.

In addition to her stellar athletic performance, Butz is also a strong force in the classroom for the Orange and Blue. The Global Management major earned Academic All-Patriot League honors in 2020 for her academic prestige.

Butz is thankful for the last moments she has gotten to spend with the Bison track and field squad as her time in Lewisburg comes to a close. "Being able to compete for my senior season felt like such a blessing after the year we've had. We didn't get to have an indoor season so we tried to really enjoy every outdoor meet we got."



# BEYOND THE BISON

## SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

### The 2021 NFL Draft

Kelsey O'Loughlin  
Senior Writer

The 2021 NFL draft came with surprises, but mostly the expected. In the first round, the face of Clemson, Trevor Lawrence, went south to Jacksonville with first year head coach Urban Meyer. The former Ohio State coach took some time off from the coaching world to gather himself again. He returned to take the reins of the losing Jacksonville Jaguars and is on track to make a huge turn around with the number one pick.

The proceeding picks in the first round came from

usual powerhouse schools such as Florida, LSU, and Alabama. Some uncommon and atypical schools included Zach Wilson out of Brigham Young. The last time the Cougars had a first round pick was in 2013 with Ansah Ezekiel. Zaven Collins out of the University of Tulsa went as the 16th pick in the first round. Additionally, seven men came out of the Big Ten, including two out of Northwestern.

The second round came with a more even spread of Big Ten, PAC 12, and mid-major. The stars of the SEC and ACC still shined with familiar names such as Kyle Trask of Florida, Elijah Moore of Ole

Miss, and Asante Samuel Jr. of Florida State, but there were a few gems to be found. Schools such as UCF, TCU, Purdue, and Western Michigan represented their second round picks.

The 37th pick for the Philadelphia Eagles was Landon Dickerson, an offensive lineman from Alabama. Four out of his five seasons in Tuscaloosa were cut short to injury. Dickerson said that his injuries for him were always viewed as a learning opportunity. He began his career at Florida State where he remained his four years and obtained a bachelors in sports management. With two years of eligibility, he

transferred to Alabama to get his masters in business. Regardless of his injuries, he has pro-bowl potential with a healthy season. The North Carolina native was a four star recruit out of high school who named the #1 offensive guard by Rivals. With limited playing time and possibly untapped potential, the Eagles were willing to go all in on the guy who played one snap in the national championship.

Now, the million dollar question is who was the very last pick? Round seven, pick number 259 was Grant Stuard from the University of Houston. The linebacker was named

"Mr. Irrelevant", just as every last pick is named. Even Tom Brady was "irrelevant" at one point in his career. He earned first team honors in the American Athletic Conference in 2019 and 2020 with the absence of a mother and father in his life. He notched 28 bench press reps in the combine while weighing in at a solid 225 pounds. His journey thus far, combined with his faith and underdog mentality will make him a dangerous asset for the Buccaneers.

Looking at the 2021 draft as a whole, the SEC had one pick from every school. Nationally, the

high school with the most draft picks in the last 20 years is St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale with 23. For the first time ever, the Big XII did not have a first round draft pick and for the 10th straight year, they had the least amount of picks amongst all the power five conferences.

From the first round to the last round, there are different types of talent all over the board. Especially in a year like this, anything can happen and anyone can step up to the plate. In the NFL today, those who were picked first have not been the last one's standing at the end of the season.



# BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

## Rise and fall of the Super League

Kelsey O'Loughlin  
Senior Writer

In mid-April of this year, the landscape of European soccer briefly changed drastically. Twelve of the largest soccer clubs in the world, including Manchester United, Real Madrid, Barcelona and more, approved the creation of the Super League; less than a week later, nearly all the teams pulled out of the league, leaving many scratching their heads. Why had they attempted to create the breakaway league? Why had it failed? Will they try again?

Seemingly overnight, some of the richest individuals in the world manufactured the Super League in an apparent attempt to combine some of the largest and most popular teams

in the world to compete against one another. Under ordinary circumstances, the top teams would only have the opportunity to meet if they were matched together in the Champions League, the most important European tournament. These matches were typically massively viewed events and ones that fans were always excited to watch.

In the proposed format, 12 specially-selected teams would compete every year, in addition to eight other teams chosen on an annual basis. Similarly to the normal European League format — in which the bottom several teams are relegated from the league — the bottom teams of the Super League would be unable to compete in the next season until they quali-

fied again. However, the original 12 teams would be granted special allowances and would never be subject to relegation. Thus, they would always be competing in the competition. While it sounds at first thought like a completely separate association, the original plan was for the Super League to be one of many competitive venues for the teams in a season — each club would also compete in their domestic leagues and other competitions as well.

The mastermind behind the entire project was Real Madrid owner Florentino Pérez, who saw the Super League as an opportunity for the 12 clubs to gain enormous profits on the eve of the massive COVID-19-imposed losses. "When you have no income, only

that from television, you understand that the solution is to have more competitive games, the most attractive you can have in the world. We have decided that in the week, instead of the Champions League, we can have a Super League with more games," Pérez said. The Super League was poised to have an investment of €3.25 billion from JPMorgan, and television rights for the matches were to be granted only to stations in which the owners and clubs had financial stake. Thus, the 12 clubs would receive significantly more revenues than in a typical season.

Once the formation of the Super League was officially announced, backlash from soccer fans across the world immediately followed. Many took to

Twitter and other forms of social media to protest against the proposed league. Players and coaches, even on the clubs that were joining the league, held emergency team meetings and spoke out against the league. "This project is disgusting, not fair and I'm disappointed to see clubs I represented involved. Fight against this!" former Arsenal player Lukas Podolski said. Fans and players saw the proposal as a money-grab by the owners in an attempt to replenish the wealth they lost during COVID-19. Others saw the league as affording an unfair financial advantage to the top clubs, who could then use the money to buy the best players from non-founder clubs struggling financially. The heads of

both FIFA and UEFA agreed, threatening to ban all the players on the 12 teams from competing in their domestic leagues, the Champions League, as well as any other international competition.

Not even a week after the proposal went public, the involved teams slowly began pulling out of the proposed league. Whether due to internal pressure from the players and fans or external pressure from UEFA and FIFA, several teams who helped to found the league quickly, publicly abdicated their support. Despite this, Pérez remains adamant that the Super League is "not dead." No one knows if the owners will try something along these lines in the future, but for now soccer still belongs to the fans and the players.

## Women's lacrosse season comes to close

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The 2021 Bison women's lacrosse season came to a close on Friday, April 30 after a tough 14-8 loss to Navy in Annapolis, Md. For the first time in 13 meetings, the Orange and Blue were looking to defeat Navy, but were unable to stop the Midshipmen scoring drive. The Bison needed the win at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in order to earn the South Division's final spot in the upcoming Patriot League Tournament.

Entering the game, the Navy Midshipmen and the Bison were tied for third in the South Division standings with a 1-2 divisional record. Despite the final

score, the Bison were able to hold their own as they led the Mids in twice in the first half with 2-1 at 18:32 and at 4-3 with 12:12 remaining in the half. Julia Bradbury '21 and Taylor Kopan '24 led the scoring drive in the first half.

However, after this scoring drive by the Bison, the Mids were able to respond with five damaging goals. Kali Peebles '21 netted the first two goals in the second half to draw the Bison within range to top Navy, but then Mids scored three unanswered goals. For a period of almost 20 minutes in the second half, the Mids stopped the Bison's scoring momentum and left the Orange and Blue with little time to make a comeback.

Score leaders for the Bison were Peebles and Caroline Walsh '21 who each scored a hat trick. Goalie, Caitlin Tucker '22 made a career-high 17 saves in the game against the Mids. In just the first half, Tucker stopped 11 shots.

Navy will now face second-seeded Lehigh in the South Division quarter final on Monday, May 3. The winner of that game will face North Division champion Army West Point on Thursday, May 6.

Despite the season-ending loss, the Bison had several huge victories for the program with wins over American (17-15), Colgate (13-11) and Lafayette (15-7) in head coach Jackie Dando's second season.

## Bison men's golf wrap up their season



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Chris Tanabe '21 hits and approach shot in his final round for the Bison.

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The Bison men's golf team competed at the Patriot League Championship, hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy, this past weekend, May 1-2. It was a 54-hole event, with 36 holes played on Saturday and the final 18 on Sunday. The course was played as a par 70 at 7,025 yards. "The weather was nice. It was a warm 70 degrees with some wind," Jackson Bussell '23 said.

As a team, the Bison held

on to fourth place throughout the weekend. They had three rounds at 300, 311 and 304 for a total of 915. They were 49 strokes behind the winning team, Loyola Maryland. The best first round for the team was carded by Bussell with a 72, with second-best clinched by Blake Wisdom '23 at 73; the best final round was Chris Tanabe's '21 even-par 70.

Individually, Wisdom and Tanabe were neck-and-neck at the top within the Bison with three-day totals of 224 (T-11) and 226 (T-13),

respectively. Bussell finished with a 235 (T-27) on the weekend. Jason Lohwater '22 and Josh Holtschlag '23 both were right behind with a 237 (T-33) and Jack Gardener '22 with a 242 (39).

Unfortunately for golf fans, the event served as a cap on this year's season. Thankfully, next fall, the entire men's team will return for another exciting year — with the notable exception of graduating senior Tanabe, who is headed to University of Maryland to continue his golf career and further his education.

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extremely skilled play by a Michigan forward with under a minute left before halftime. Michigan scored again in the third quarter off of a penalty corner opportunity. Unfortunately, the Bison were unable to get a goal past the sturdy Michigan defense despite their strong efforts. As the clock ticked down on their season, the final score read 2-0 Michigan.

Stefanowicz, who is also the Bison Athlete of the Week, shared her take on their

season and her performance: "Nothing would have been possible without my teammates. Our seniors have led us throughout this entire season. All of the adversity, starting out 0-3, nobody believed we would even make the Patriot League tournament, let alone the NCAA's. There is nobody else I would have rather gone through this season with than my teammates. It was bittersweet this weekend. We were all so proud of our team for making it this far, but also so

sad to say goodbye to our seniors who've become family. I am so happy we could send them out the best way possible!" Stefanowicz said.

The Bison had a historic season. Starting out 0-3 and then eventually becoming the Patriot League champions and making it to the NCAA Elite 8. They were the first team in program history to accomplish such a feat. The future is bright for the Bison, and we commend them on a fantastic season!

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## Biden's first joint address to Congress bridges partisan divide

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On April 28, U.S. President Joe Biden held his first joint address to Congress marking his first 100 days in office. He spoke to a deeply divided room, as the nation's partisan divide has grown sharply in the past year. Biden laid out his ambitious plans for a post-pandemic America, garnering nearly polar opposite reactions from Democrats and Republicans in the room during his presentation. This address was particularly unprecedented due to the size of the group in the room—usually filled with over 1,000 people, only 200 attended his speech. The address was much different from predecessor President Donald Trump in that it was more traditional, rather than unpredictable and unscripted.

A major takeaway from the speech was Biden's certainty that his presidency will not be transitional to some future administration, but that he himself wants to transform the nation. This past year we saw one of the most severe economic recessions since the Great Depression, along with a devastating

once-in-a-lifetime pandemic. He is looking to move the country from a divided nation to a strong force as it once was. Looking back on the challenges he faced in the first 100 days, he said, "America is on the move again," prompting much applause from the chamber.

One key change he emphasized was a return of big government. In the last 100 days, he passed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill, followed by a \$2.3 trillion infrastructure bill. He spent much time outlining another massive plan, American Families Plan, a \$2 trillion plan to generate safety nets for citizens from preschool age to retirement.

Some other vital components were his framing of expanded federal programs, similar to U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's post-Depression New Deal, and the resurgence of America's democracy abroad. Republicans have labeled some of Biden's spending as "radical," whereas Democrats believe such proposals as crucial for the nation's future. He faces significant odds in passing proposals when both parties are strongly divided. He urges that Democrats and Re-

publicans come together because "doing nothing is not an option."

Lastly, this joint address made history that anyone could notice just by first glance: it was the first time any President was standing before two women, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Kamala Harris. Biden made a point of this to emphasize his solidarity, support and respect of women working in politics.

Biden's speech was transparent, forceful and showed effort towards building harmony between parties. Although bipartisan cooperation is not the norm in Congress right now, it may come with time. Partisan peace, or lack thereof, may be one of Biden's most significant obstacles in his Presidency. In his address, Biden illustrated how he will use the role of president to transform the economy. To do that, he will need support from both parties. His first joint address was a step in the right direction towards bipartisanship, and hopefully his presidency will allow for peace between Democrats and Republicans in the future.

## Earth to Bravman: Questions we need answered

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Several Bucknellian editors came together to write an eloquent and alarming article about the University's recent cutbacks that were concurrent with an increase in University President John Bravman's salary. The article explains that "Bravman's salary rose to \$938k with a total compensation package of over \$1 million" in 2018; meanwhile, the University has seen department cuts of up to five percent and various "stopgap measures" to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. The article is a well-articulated exposé about the agonizing depreciation of the College of Arts and Sciences, while administrative pay is on the rise. Guess who chose to not acknowledge the article? Bravman.

The president's simple negligence of the article is pouring salt into an already open wound. As students feel the sting, one question arises: why is Bravman paid such an exorbitant amount of money?

As quoted in the article, Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo explained, "[t]he Board of Trustees sets the president's compensation, which includes an annual salary, non-annual performance-based and contractual supplemental payments," and that the salary increase has a lot to do with "an analysis of data from organizations that have similar jobs and levels of complexity, length of service compared to national norms, and other performance metrics."

It is not unexpected that Bravman's salary has in-

creased as administrative pay has been on the upward climb nationally. The Chronicle of Higher Education reports that since 2017, private and public university president's salaries have increased 10.5 percent. For many institutions, the accelerated increase has taken six figure salaries and put them into the millions. This includes Bravman.

However, Bravman's salary increase is still head and shoulders above those with "similar jobs and levels of complexity," as shown by The Chronicle's comparison with similar institutions. For example, Lafayette University President Alison Byerly raked in \$706,331; President Adam Weinberg at Denison made \$539,801 and President Ronald Crutcher, at University of Richmond, brought in \$765,311; all significantly smaller than Bravman's whopping \$1,043,686. While Bravman may not control his base pay, he can certainly take a cut on his bonus and other "supplemental payments."

While these universities and colleges are not entirely comparable, because they are not exactly the same, presidents of many Ivy League institutions such as Brown, Cornell and Dartmouth, have taken up to 20 percent pay cuts over the past year to assist departmental funding. Raymond Burse, president of Kentucky State University, recently took a \$90,000 pay cut from his \$349,869 salary, and he let that money roll directly to his staff's paychecks. While Bravman did take a payout in the summer months, the cut did not carry over to the academic year. This raises questions about how he sees his role at the University.

The numbers certainly

reveal an interesting perspective concerning the University's priorities, but something about his disregard and the searing sting of Bravman's lack of a response has spoken volumes more about his love for students than any salary could.

In all honesty, who cares about how much Bravman makes? The "bad optics" brought forth by the President's radio silence in addition to the slowly surfacing information about the College of Arts and Sciences brings to light a whole new series of questions. As detailed in the article, Professor of English Michael Drexler explained that only 95 sophomores have declared any humanities majors. The incredibly low number of humanities majors feels reflective of the dwindling emphasis on arts and humanities by the University. Whether the cause for the declining humanities majors can be attributed to the University's lack of emphasis or a cultural shift is up for debate, but it does threaten the values that Bravman and other University leaders have prided themselves on.

In a 2012 interview with LEADERS, Bravman said, "We're a liberal arts college at heart," which is a sentiment he seems attached to; however, how can the University truly value liberal arts when the College of Arts and Sciences is on the decline and the president's salary is on the rise? What direction is the university heading in?

As the year comes to a close, the monetary damage has been done and one last question remains: will Bravman respond to this article?

## Caitlyn Jenner: Olympian, reality star and potential California Governor?



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Caitlyn Jenner, a 71-year-old former Olympian and reality television star, recently announced that she will be running for governor of California. Jenner, a Republican and transgender activist, plans on challenging Governor Gavin Newsom of California in the 2021 recall election. As Newsom has received significant backlash for his controversial handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, California is in need of a governor with different perspectives. California's extreme liberal tilt and Democratic-controlled government has pushed many residents out to the extreme with COVID-19 restrictions, continuous lockdowns and a lack of Republican candidates. For many years, Republicans have struggled maintaining relevance in the democratic state, and it is about time that someone steps up to make a change.

Jenner, an "economically conservative, socially progres-

sive" transgender woman shared that her political stance has changed throughout the years and believes that she is capable of transforming the state of California for the better. "California is facing big hurdles. Now, we need leaders who are unafraid to leap to new heights, who are unafraid to challenge and to change the status quo," Jenner shared with ABC News. Jenner explained that she is running for governor to combat big government as she believes that it has "taken our money, our jobs and our freedom."

Originally from Mount Kisco, New York, Jenner shared, "I came [to California] with a dream 48 years ago, to be the greatest athlete in the world." Jenner likened her run for governor to her career as an Olympic track star "Now I enter a different kind of race, arguably my most important one yet: to save California."

Jenner believes that it is her time to make a difference as an honest leader with

a clear vision. As a proven winner and hard worker, Jenner is California residents' best chance in saving the state from the over-restrictive lockdowns that have failed businesses and have kept children out of school. Ultimately, California's one-party rule needs to come to an end, and Jenner can make that change as a successful, conservative, transgender woman.

Jenner, a parent to Kendall Jenner and Kylie Jenner, shared, "I want to carry the torch for the parents who had to balance work and their child's education, for business owners who were forced to shut down, for pastors who were not able to be with their congregation, for the family who lost their home in a fire, for an entire generation of students who lost a year of education." If elected, Jenner will have the opportunity to get the state of California back on track and allow the Golden State to prosper again.

## Where is the future of fashion going?

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Where is the future of fashion going? Well, I envision an industry that is more accepting to a wider range of body types and racial diversity. An industry that considers its impact on the environment. An industry that dives into fiber science to create smart fabrics for apparel that serve a purpose.

The fashion world is ever changing, indicated by the rise and downfall of quick trends and new pieces on store shelves, yet the overall foundation of the industry remains old-fashioned. It appears that the same body types are highlighted on the major runways, and the needs of certain groups are not catered to, for example the transgender community looking for comfortable and neutral clothing, surgeons who require attire that is flexible and protective, and inhabitants of hot, dry climates who need apparel that is not only shielding but also with heating and cooling qualities. Consumer demands and needs are changing, yet the industry does not always seek to meet them. With an advancement in technology, I believe that leveraging new systems and incorporating them into the design of these apparels, these overlooked, bespoke needs can be met, and normalized.

Instead of focusing on fast fashion and driving consumers to chase trends to "fit in," why does the industry not work backwards to identify the needs, develop solutions, and then create products sprouting from those solutions? This reminds me of a concept I learned in a business program I participated in: reverse, engineering. Although engineering and fashion are dif-

ferent fields, the framework is similar—to create and to design. Engineers design with meaning and with intention, so why can't fashion do the same? Reverse engineering focuses on re-creating a product after examining its construction. In the case of fashion, the industry should use this model to identify trends and then understand which aspects of it are catering to what groups, and which groups are left out. Or in other words, first identify the consumer desire, and then design. If the fashion industry begins to design based upon desire and needs, then more groups have access to not only comfortable clothing, but the "newest" looks just as their other counterparts in society have. Fashion is confidence. Fashion should be accessible to all groups, and offer a wide range of sizes, and shape in design, in order for all groups to feel empowered.

Fashion is one of the most wasteful industries in the world contributing to carbon emission and overproduction of clothing that sits in a landfill for many years to come. This is a result of fast fashion and trends—and the notion that consumers need to have what is "hot" and what is "new" and once that period of "popularity" is over, then the trend is "out of season" and cannot be worn. Some people may not even fit the trends' essence, but wear them as a sense of conforming, instead of taking their needs into consideration. These same individuals sometimes shortly after become disinterested in wearing it, so the landfill begins to be filled. If the industry looks towards consumer demographics and the most pressing needs, and works to meet these originally, then this would eliminate the throw-away cloth-

ing concept of fast fashion. Maybe, fashion seasons can be slowed down. Maybe by meeting needs and eliminating the throw-away concept, "trends" and "looks" can live on longer. Consumers can wear these functional, practical clothing for years, rather than a season or two. This would decrease the waste that is produced by only wanting what is "hot."

Fiber science focuses on chemical and engineering properties of fibrous materials to create new prototypes. To simplify, fiber science is taking fibers and textiles and either modifying existing chemical and physical structures or creating new structures in order for the application to be enhanced. For example, changing the chemical composition of fibers to incorporate into a textile that is color-changing in response to the environment surrounding it, such as increase in temperature, or perhaps textiles that have cooling properties. Those are just a few examples of what fiber science can do. Fashion innovation lies within the groundbreaking designs of clothing that are produced with modified chemical structures, heating and cooling processes, flexibility or breathability, or smart fabric ability to keep track of miles walked or GPS functions, just to name a few. The sustainability aspect of fiber science lies in the idea of creating clothing of fibers that have recyclable qualities and are able to be reused and reworked for when the next new idea comes along; there is potential to extract fibers from pre-existing clothing and incorporate them into the new. I believe that fiber science can be the vehicle to a more innovative and sustainable fashion industry.



# The Yang gang: A step forward or backward?

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Once dubbed "Generation Z's candidate," former United States presidential candidate Andrew Yang has made quite a splash in his entrance into New York City's mayoral race. Despite his popularity among young people, New York's Democrats have widely criticized him for his more moderate policies and his off-the-cuff, colloquial language (sound familiar?). And so, seeing as Yang has held a consistent lead throughout this race, the question remains: what would Yang's mayorship mean for New York, and for the country as a whole?

Among more left-leaning Democrats, the name Andrew Yang certainly isn't associated with ideal progressivism. His policies are markedly pro-business, and his proposed policy of increasing funding to the New York Police Department's Asian Hate Crime Task Force is incredibly unpopular among many advocacy groups. Running in a Democratic city, Yang's platform is certainly centrist in nature. On a national scale, however, the case can be made that Yang's platform appeals to a very wide base. Universal basic income still stands as his flagship policy, alongside notable commitments to police reform, expansion of quality affordable and public housing, environmental justice and investment in education & vocational training (which, in the context of ever-increasing outsourcing of unskilled labor, is absolutely crucial). Additionally, Yang's strong support for small businesses is undoubtedly the right move in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. At first glance, it seems like a pretty

basic list of decently progressive things New York should already be doing. The problem is, it isn't — and herein lies the main reason for Yang's popularity.

Voters associate Yang's campaign with two main things: energy and modernity. He's a younger candidate with a young family, and his language and talking points denote forward thinking — not necessarily just in terms of policy, but that of what the future truly holds. The concept of being able to get a job doing manufacturing work or other labor for minimum wage and working one's way up to a suitable living is a thing of the past at best. The U.S. minimum wage hasn't been proportional to national productivity since the Reagan administration, costs of living are at an all-time high, and outsourcing and automation are beginning to affect the American economy in ways we don't yet fully understand. This is functionally where Yang's stated priorities lie: he's preparing a late stage capitalist economy (that has little taste for the progressive policies which inevitably come next) for the jump into this century.

Despite having no political experience, Yang is seen as a candidate that can breathe new life into the NYC political and economic sphere. He's made it a point to care, to spread hope, and to challenge the conventions of neoliberalism in a way that isn't necessarily unappealing to neoliberals. Can he really go beyond the unfulfilled promises of the incumbent Bill DeBlasio and other leaders who have been in politics since Vietnam? That remains to be seen, but in a nearly irreparably polarized political climate, a new strategy is undoubtedly needed.

Yang may not be the ab-

solute ideal candidate for New York; there are certainly more informed, more experienced and more progressive candidates in the race that deserve the slot. However, his popularity among voters indicates a massive shift in not only New York's political arena, but America's. The American people aren't looking for more empty promises of draining the proverbial swamp, nor are they looking to re-elect the same people who built a systematically flawed, corrupt society that has failed them time and time again. They're looking for something different, and career politicians pretending they understand progressivism while continuing to pocket lobbyist funds simply won't cut it for much longer.

While Yang's policies certainly need work, his campaign strategy is right on point; he focuses on unity, all while pushing policies that are palatable enough among centrists on both sides of the aisle to realistically be voted in at the national level. Democrats are making strides in the right direction, but must come to a consensus on what candidates and policies truly represent the future of their party (preferably not the watered-down, weirdly anti-business neoliberalism of decades past). Yang's strategy is gaining traction in the microcosm that is New York City — a similar colloquial approach to progressivism on the national level may make the impossible task of destroying the exploitative mess that is trickle-down economics a reality among American voters. With some experience and real results, Yang could certainly be a viable pick for higher office; and by all accounts, the nation will need someone like him sooner than we may expect.

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Last year when gyms were still closed, my family watched with intrigue from our windows as Peloton bike delivery trucks stopped by different houses on our block. Of all of the workout options that people had, why invest in an expensive bike, plus a subscription to access its content? What was all the hype about? We figured that with nothing else to do, we had to buy one and find out.

The bike arrived like all the others on our block: in a big truck and lugged out by two masked delivery people. My father and brothers carried it upstairs and as soon as it was set up, I was off on my first ride. I had never taken a spin class before, so I had rather low expectations on the workout ahead. To my surprise, I finished the first class feeling like I had entered into a new world. Not only was the beginner ride difficult but it was transformative. I'll never forget my first virtual instructor Ben Aldis, who made me sweat while also making me reimagine what it means to be present. He constantly reminded

riders to be in the here and now, follow the rhythm of the music and make adjustments to our cadence and resistance. He went into his own story about how he first got into fitness, making me excited about my own spin journey ahead.

After only one ride was when I understood the hype. I understood why spin programs like Peloton and Soul Cycle have a cult following. I understood that beyond exercise, spin gives riders a new state of mind to better themselves mentally beyond physically on and off the bike. What Peloton and its competitors offer may explain why it is so expensive. Bikes cost a few thousand dollars in addition to monthly or annual memberships for their corresponding virtual programs. And even if you do not end up buying a bike and opt for going to an in-person class, that can be over 30 dollars for just one class. You may be asking yourself if that is worth it so it may be helpful to point out some benefits to this kind of exercise.

First and foremost is what I have discussed above: the in-

structor. Many instructors are performers more than they are fitness experts. We already know all the physical benefits to exercise, but these spin programs come packaged with motivation and energy too. Also somewhat unique to spin classes is the sense of community that riders feel. In fact, research has shown that group exercise can improve emotional well-being, reduce stress levels and build social connection. For in-person classes, you are surrounded by riders who are giving their all and motivating you to do the same. And even in virtual classes, Peloton has a leaderboard of riders who are riding at the same time as you and have a feature where you can send them virtual high-fives.

The New York Times said it best: "Though we are isolated in our homes, we are bound together through a shared tactile experience with the product: thousands of legs twirling at the same pace, thousands of fingers twirling the knob just so." It is evident here that spin classes are so much more than just spin classes, but it is up to you to decide whether it is a good investment for you.

## America in recovery

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On April 19, U.S. President Joe Biden made the COVID-19 vaccine available to all Americans ages 16 and older. Since then, the percentage of vaccinated Americans continues to grow exponentially on a daily basis, slowly but surely allowing life to return to a certain degree of normalcy. Many offices, restaurants and even sporting venues are opening their doors for the first time in over a year, and with this has come the reinvigoration of the US economy. Though this economic rebound is much needed and an objectively positive development both socially and fiscally for the country in the post COVID-19 world, a significant question for the Biden administration remains: what is the correct strategy for the U.S. government to rebuild the economy going forward?

That question has hovered over the Biden administration since the day the newly elected president took office, and so far no one answer has truly gained any consensus approval. Former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers came out recently with a criticism of the \$2 trillion stimulus package released this past April, citing the potential of inflation in the future as a possibly dangerous result. The crux of Summers' criticism of the stimulus packages revolve around policies enacted by U.S. President John F. Kennedy in the 1960s. Summers claims the current trend towards progressive economics will eventually lead to an aggressive increase in inflation as seen in the late 1960s, when U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson continued effort to lower unemployment without raising inflation. This attempt eventually led to booming inflation, creating a roughly three percent rise by the end of the decade, and sending the U.S. economy into a downward

spiral for much of the 1970s. While this is a valid example of how traditional economic theory works, it is largely irrelevant within the context of the current economic playing field. The U.S. economy is deeply woven into the global economy, and the policy and economic principles that applied for the greater part of the last half century no longer have the same implications that they once had.

The Federal Reserve has aimed to keep the inflation rate under two percent for the past decade. They've been successful in this endeavor, but not for the traditional reasons classical economists would point to. Lowering unemployment has historically been met with a rise in interest rates by the Fed, and a recession follows to reign in the "inflating" economy. In the past decade, however, unemployment rates had been pinned relatively low by historical standards, and the inflation rate had stayed the same. Before the pandemic, the unemployment rate within the United States had fallen to 3.5 percent, lower than the natural rate as defined by the national projection of 4.1 percent; however, inflation did not even reach two percent for any sustained period. This is a clear mathematical indication that the rules of modern economics have changed from those previously applied to the United States, even in the early part of the 21st century. Across the previous decade, it was found that the inflation rate was being held down by foreign competition as well as the slow recovery from the 2008 recession, two factors greatly impacted by the ever-increasing globalization of the economy. The success of the US economy has no longer become an issue of the top one percent making the important financial impacts and running the country as a self-correcting system, but an issue that transcends physical, social and class borders.

Progressive economics

is the way forward for the U.S. economy. Decision making based upon dated economic principles cannot and will not work for the United States, and it will eventually lead to collapse faster than a rise in inflation ever could. Stimulus packages and increased funding into government programs have kept the U.S. economy alive during the COVID-19 pandemic, and provided a strong base for which the economy can grow upon. Creating economic opportunity for the middle class and low-income households is the only way the United States can retain its status as a global economic power, as the country will simply fold in on itself if the distribution of wealth does not begin to spread. Consumption spending is disproportionately generated by middle class and low-income households, however without any money for consumption, this facet of GDP has already been seen to struggle immensely.

The fear of inflation is a valid concern, however, as stated by Mary Daly, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. "We should be less fearful about inflation around the corner and recognize that that fear (in regards to cautionary economic policy in 2008) costs millions of jobs — millions of livelihoods, millions of hopes and dreams," Daly said. Once again, the critical issue of the United States economy remains; how is it possible to balance the concern for human beings and economic growth under the current system? In a short answer, it isn't. The current system needs to change, and COVID-19 has provided the perfect opportunity to do so. It is time to leave the dated principles of classical and neoliberal economics behind, and enter an era of domestic economic policy that provides opportunities for economic success for all Americans, and in turn, ensures the health of the U.S. economy for decades to come.

# Gun violence must end: Mass shootings rise in the US

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Over the weekend of April 19, there were back-to-back fatal shootings in the United States, resulting in the deaths of at least nine people from Chicago and Austin. Together, reports of six large-scale shootings in 2021 alone represent a shocking pattern of extended violence. Nevertheless, these shootings are not talked about enough, and serve as yet another reminder that gun violence in the United States is not going away; we need to act immediately to prevent further loss of life.

In 2020, the United States reported a record high of 610 mass shootings, killing around 20,000 people. This was the highest ever reporting since the Gun Violence Archive began reporting in 2014. According to Forbes, the United States is on track to have around 511 mass shootings in 2021.

Mass shootings have been a serious issue in the United States for years. Several major shootings have sparked renewed national conversation about gun control, especially in the wake of mass shootings at Sandy Hook, Conn. and in Parkland, Fla. However, these conversations should have been happening years prior. More

importantly, the government must heed the call of activists and implement gun control laws to end this horrific reality that continues to occur everyday in the United States. These shootings demonstrate the simple truth that gun violence is still extremely prevalent, and will not simply go away unless immediate action is taken. U.S. President Joe Biden has recently addressed a plan to end gun violence and calls on Congress to pass the legislation to reduce gun violence. However, it is no secret that the U.S. government works slowly and decisions that could save lives could take years to implement. Gun violence has gone on far too long and too many lives have been lost for the government to not be handling this with the utmost urgency.

Below is a timeline of some of the recent mass shootings in the United States found from CNN:

April 17 Columbus, Ohio: In Columbus, Ohio, a shooting took place at a vigil which left one dead and five others wounded. No suspects are in custody.

April 17 LaPlace, La.: Nine young adults were wounded during a shooting in the suburbs of New Orleans.

April 16 Detroit: Four people were wounded during a shooting at a vigil. The shooter

remains unknown.

April 15 Indianapolis: A shooting at a FedEx facility left eight people killed and several others seriously wounded.

April 15 Pensacola, Fla.: Six people were wounded at a shooting located at an Escambia County apartment building. No suspects are in custody.

April 15 Washington, D.C.: A shooting in Northeast D.C. left four people seriously wounded.

April 13 Baltimore: Four people were wounded when two people brought out their guns.

April 12 Chicago: Four people were shot, one fatally on the Eisenhower expressway.

April 11 Wichita, Kan.: A shooting at a house party left one person killed and three others injured.

April 11 Seattle: Four people were wounded after a violent shooting, one including a toddler.

April 10 Memphis, Tenn.: A shooting in a Memphis neighborhood left one person killed and three others injured.

April 10 Koshkonong, Miss.: A convenience store shooting left one person killed and three others injured.

April 10 Waterbury, Conn.: Police found four dead after reports of a weapons complaint.

April 10 Allendale, Mich.: A house party shooting left four people shot and one seriously injured.



## EDITORS YOU MAY KNOW

## EXECUTIVE BOARD



FROM LEFT: GRIFFIN PERRAULT, KAITLIN BONACCI, AND JESS KAPLAN

KAITLIN BONACCI '21  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After joining The Bucknellian as a News Layout Editor her sophomore year, Kaitlin has spent time bouncing back and forth between Print Presentation Director and News Layout Editor. Her favorite part of The Bucknellian is all of the amazing people she has met and early Thursday morning Starbucks runs with Alexis. She is excited to finish her senior year as EIC and spend Wednesday evenings back in Stuck House.

GRIFFIN PERRAULT '22  
PRINT MANAGING CO-EDITOR

Griffin originally joined the paper his freshman year as a writer for the Opinions section, eventually becoming an Opinions Editor, and is now in his third semester as a Print Managing Editor for the paper.

JESS KAPLAN '21  
PRINT MANAGING CO-EDITOR

Jess joined The Bucknellian as an Opinions writer her freshman year. Since then, she has been News Content Editor, Opinions Editor and is now Print Managing Editor! She is excited to finish her senior year at The Bucknellian!

## OPINIONS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JACOB FEUERSTEIN, NICK DEMARCHIS, AND ALEXIS CATSOULIS

JACOB FEUERSTEIN '22  
OPINIONS CO-EDITOR

Jacob joined the paper in his first semester at Bucknell and wrote a number of articles, one of which successfully pressured the school administration to rename a room dedicated to Les Moonves, who was accused of sexual misconduct in his role as Chief Executive of CBS. Jacob continues to contribute to the paper and edit opinion articles.

NICK DEMARCHIS '22  
OPINIONS CO-EDITOR

After writing occasionally for both the satire and opinions section of the Bucknellian, Nick began contributing regularly to the opinions section in the fall of 2020, especially on topics of national politics and campus policies. Nick now, while editing, contributes occasionally for the news and satire sections, as well as opinions.

ALEXIS CATSOULIS '21  
OPINIONS LAYOUT EDITOR

Alexis joined the Bucknellian in the fall of her sophomore year as the opinions layout editor. She has enjoyed being a part of the opinions section, and is excited to finish her college career with the Bucknellian.

## SPORTS



JUSTIN SCHAUMBERGER

LIZ LAGERBACK '22  
SPORTS LAYOUT EDITOR

Liz joined the Bucknellian in her second semester at Bucknell. She wrote news and satire articles for a year before becoming a layout editor. She has done layout editing on Satire and Special Features, and now is the Sports Layout editor.

LEAH FOGELSANGER '21  
SPORTS CO-EDITOR

Leah joined the Bucknellian during Fall 2018 as a writer for the sports section, focusing specifically on the Athlete of the Week feature. Leah is excited to continue in her role as Sports Co-Editor with Justin Schaumberger. Being a member of the Varsity Field Hockey team, she is passionate about everything related to sports. She is excited to be a part of the Bucknellian team and looks forward to the upcoming semester filled with each of the 27 Varsity sports teams competing at once.

JUSTIN SCHAUMBERGER '22  
SPORTS CO-EDITOR

Justin joined the Bucknellian as a sports section writer during the Fall 2018. Justin is extremely excited for sports to be back this semester and is looking forward to watching all the different teams compete. He is excited to continue working as a Co-Editor for the Sports section with Leah Fogelsanger.

## SATIRE



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: GRACE INGEBRETSEN, BRIDGETTE SIMPSON, AND LIZ WHITMER

BRIDGETTE SIMPSON '23  
SATIRE CO-EDITOR

Bridgette really enjoys getting to learn a lot in a leadership role while doing something she loves, and working with Liz has been super fun this year!

LIZ WHITMER '23  
SATIRE CO-EDITOR

Liz has been with The Bucknellian since her freshman year, writing primarily for Satire and occasionally Opinions. She became a Satire Co-Editor at the beginning of her freshman year and is now finishing her second semester as an editor. Liz's favorite part of The Bucknellian has been watching so many of the writers find their comedic style and help them put out entertaining articles every week.

GRACE INGEBRETSEN '21  
SATIRE LAYOUT EDITOR

Grace joined the Bucknellian in the spring of her sophomore year. She has enjoyed designing the layout for the Satire section for many semesters, with a brief stint in Opinions (she's got a lot of those).

## WEB AND GRAPHICS

ALEX IANNONE '22  
GRAPHICS MANAGER AND  
PRINT PRESENTATION DIRECTOR

Alex has been a member of The Bucknellian staff since her freshman year. She started as a layout editor and later became the Graphics Manager. Currently she works as the Print Presentation as well. She loves being able to be both a creator and a leader in her work.

TIM CARROLL '22  
WEB MANAGING EDITOR

Tim joined the Bucknellian in the Fall of 2019, taking on many of the responsibilities of running the newspaper's website. He is now the Web Managing Editor. He loves being involved at Bucknell and sees his role on the Bucknellian as a great opportunity to gain new skills and leadership experience, and to help make Bucknell a better and more engaged community.

JACKLYN ARTALE '21  
ADS MANAGER

Jacklyn's favorite part of joining the paper has been getting to meet so many new people. She has gotten to meet fellow Bucknellians as well as members of the community because of her specific job.

## SPECIAL FEATURES



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: NICOLE YEAGER, KELLY MOXHAY, AND LILY NOBUNAGA

NICOLE YEAGER '22  
SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR

Nicole's involvement with The Bucknellian began in her sophomore year when she was a contributing writer for the News and occasionally the Special Features sections. During the Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 semesters, she gained amazing experience as a News Editor where she shared important information about the pulse of the campus community. This semester, she is excited to continue her work as Special Features Editor!

KELLY MOXHAY '23  
SPECIAL FEATURES LAYOUT EDITOR

Kelly is a rising junior and she is majoring in education. She has been editing for The Bucknellian since her second semester freshman year in 2020. She has always loved being creative and looks forward to continuing her work with The Bucknellian.

LILY NOBUNAGA '21  
SPECIAL FEATURES LAYOUT EDITOR

Lily joined the Bucknellian her senior year. Though she regrets not having joined earlier, she is grateful to have been a part of a wonderful team of people. She will be graduating with an Honors in English Literature and, thanks to Bucknellian, a morsel of experience in Graphic Design.

## NEWS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JULIETTE GAGGINI, JAXON WHITE, AND SHELBY UMBARGER

JULIETTE GAGGINI '24  
NEWS CO-EDITOR

After joining The Bucknellian as a contributing writer in her first semester at Bucknell, Juliette wanted to get more involved with the paper. She loved writing about events happening on campus and getting to interview students and faculty. She is excited to take on the role of News Co-Editor and looks forward to working with other writers for The Bucknellian.

JAXON WHITE '23  
NEWS CO-EDITOR

Jax began writing for the Bucknellian his freshman year for the Opinions Section, but once he entered his sophomore year, he knew that he wanted to get more involved with the paper. Jax became the Opinions Section Editor for the first semester, leading him to become the News Section Co-Editor for the following semester.

SHELBY UMBARGER '21  
NEWS LAYOUT EDITOR

Since joining The Bucknellian her sophomore year, Shelby has been the News Layout Editor, Satire Layout Editor, and Sports Layout Editor. Her favorite part of The Bucknellian is production nights in Stuck House and getting to hangout with all of the great friends she has met through the paper. She is excited to finish her senior year as the News Layout Editor.

## PHOTOGRAPHY



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MADDIE HAMILTON AND RILEY DEBAECKE

MADDIE HAMILTON '23  
PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR

Maddie joined the Bucknellian her first year at Bucknell as a photographer and has been involved ever since. She was the Assistant Photography Editor Spring 2020 and was the Photography Editor Fall 2020. Maddie is looking forward to being the Photography Co-Editor this spring and working with her fellow staff!

RILEY DEBAECKE '23  
PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR

Riley joined The Bucknellian in her first semester at Bucknell as a photographer, and she has since served as photography co-editor and assistant photography co-editor. She looks forward to resuming her position as co-editor this spring with Maddie and helping out her fellow staff with article ideas and content!



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EDITORS YOU MAY KNOW

## Senior who promoted diversity and inclusion: Ruby Lee



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Jess Kaplan  
Print Managing Co-Editor

Leadership may be hard to define, but it is easy to identify. In a year marked by a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, racial upheaval and the most consequential presidential election in modern history, Ruby Lee '21 has certainly defined herself as a campus leader focused on promoting diversity and inclusion.

"At Bucknell, I feel very lucky that there are so many different positions on campus and opportunities for growth," Lee, a managing for sustainability major, said. This philosophy has emboldened Lee to become one of the most involved students in all of campus. In her four years at the University, Lee has held positions as Undergraduate Executive Intern with the Office of Sponsored Projects, Events Manager & Assistant at Seventh Street Studio & Maker Space, Student Development Officer for the Student Calling Program, Lewisburg Garden Community volunteer, Summer Admissions Ambassador and was Head Reunion Ambassador. She was a founding member and leader for Asian Pacific Islander Desi Association (APIDA) Student Association and the Bison Busi-

ness Alliance, led a Habitat for Humanity trip and studied abroad in Pune, India, where she worked with a non-profit microfinancing organization that worked to finance the Pune slums. As a senior, she is an Undergraduate Executive Intern with the Office of the Provost, Lead Residential Adviser for Bucknell West and the Affinity houses and a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) mentor.

But amidst the myriad of clubs, Lee says that founding and building APIDA was the most fundamental to her development as a leader. "There was a need for an Asian American student club on this campus. Asian Americans tend to be a fragmented population," Lee said. Though Lee initially faced challenges in retaining members, she credits the experience to teaching her about expectations, working with peers and logistical skills.

Lee also attributes much of her success to the University's interdisciplinary curriculum. "Being able to take classes outside of the College of Management and really integrating what I learned in my management courses into liberal arts courses and vice versa, I've taken education, politics and environmental courses and brought it back to

my management for sustainability classes. It's given me a holistic worldview," she said.

Lee encourages students to use the University's academic and social resources to create spaces for all voices to be heard. "Diversity means the most when it is combined with inclusion. You can have a lot of different types of people in the room but if they don't feel like they are included in the conversation — that they can speak and be heard — there's no point," Lee said.

Lee emphasized that though the University has made significant strides in improving diversity and inclusion, there is still much to be improved. "There needs to be more initiative and more people who are invested in the work to be done," she said. "I think it's wonderful that we are able to get this much buy-in from the community, but it needs to continue. It's a lot of work, but it's a big pay-off."

Next year, the Los Angeles native will be moving to Washington, D.C. to begin work as a Government and Public Service Consultant at Deloitte. Lee is very grateful for her family, friends and the University community for helping her achieve so much.

FOR CAITLYN JENNER

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF VEDDER HALL; REPORT FILED

SUNDAY, MAY 2

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MONDAY, MAY 3

NO INCIDENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 4

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF VEDDER HALL; REPORT FILED

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## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.  
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

## INTERNATIONAL

COVID-19 cases and deaths are mounting at an alarming speed in India. On Tuesday, May 4, cases surpassed 20 million, with over 220,000 deaths. Though these numbers are already concerning, real figures may in fact be much higher than officially-available estimates.

Deadly protests have taken place in Colombia as people protest against a planned pandemic tax hike, leaving at least 19 people dead and hundreds injured. The protests have also been inspired by anger over rising poverty, inequality and excessive force by police.

## DOMESTIC

In a speech at the White House, U.S. President Joe Biden said he was launching a new phase in the fight against COVID-19. He has a goal of at least partly vaccinating 70 percent of adults by Independence Day. The administration's own health experts say tens of millions more Americans must be vaccinated before the positivity rate is low enough to return to what many people consider ordinary life.

Severe storms crossed through the South over a period of days, with damaging tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. Large parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, as well as corners of Arkansas and Georgia, were at enhanced risk for the worst weather, with over 11 million people living in these zones.

Faculty of year:  
Virginia  
Zimmerman,  
Professor of  
English

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Katilin Bonacci  
Editor-In-Chief

This year has been unlike any other, and while professors everywhere had to adapt to online learning, Professor of English Virginia Zimmerman stood out to University students. Zimmerman came to the University 19 years ago after earning an undergraduate degree from Carleton College and a PhD from University of Virginia. Since then,

not only has Zimmerman taught classes for the English department, but she also served as chair on the committee for Admissions and Financial Aid and is a member of the Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee.

Zimmerman admires the diverse range of opinions her students bring to her classes. "One of the classes I teach every year is young adult fiction. Everyone has a slightly different perspective." STORY CONTINUES ON A4

Senior who excelled in the arts:  
Kelvin Adjei-AkosahJacob Feuerstein  
Opinions Co-Editor

Amidst all the pressures to conform that exist at Bucknell, Kelvin Adjei-Akosah, a Studio Art major from Boston, has cut his own path and successfully carved a niche for himself that has made him well-known across campus. In his time at Bucknell, he has developed his artistic and creative skills and become a uniquely talented artist-activist.

Though some may not know Kelvin, they would certainly recognize him or his work. As a photographer for nearly every major club and event on campus, his photographs are located in the Langone Center Mall and the Bison. They are frequently used by the University, advertising the school's various activities and programs. For Kelvin, being behind the camera is different than it's often

perceived, "some people say that they would rather be in the moment than capturing the moment, but I think that capturing the moment is being in the moment." He continued, "being able to take photos has given me the opportunity to meet people and go places I wouldn't otherwise have had."

The ability to both participate in and record moments carries into Kelvin's other experiences on campus. In addition to his work as a photographer, Kelvin works at the Makerspace, helping students make art, and has developed a clothing brand, "One Dent Drive." "One Dent Drive is an alternative to the other Bucknell merchandise," he said, "I know a lot of people, like myself, were kind of sick of seeing all the orange and blue, but still wanted to show our school pride." One Dent Drive fills that niche and captures Kelvin's nature well: relaxed, cool, and un-

derstated. Since its creation, the brand has grown in popularity and is one of the things he is most proud of, "it's one of the things that I thought of and implemented," he said, "it's big for me because I see people on campus wearing it and I think to myself, 'I did that.'" For Kelvin, this "get up and do it" mindset was cultivated while studying abroad in London in the fall of 2019, amid widespread protests advocating for government intervention into global warming. While there, he took a course on sustainable cities that helped him to develop his activism, "seeing it on Instagram versus actually being there and seeing people fighting for this made me think about how I contribute to the problem and how we can work to address it."

Kelvin's artistic endeavors stretch well beyond photography and clothing design; for his senior studio

art project, he created a collection of hand prints that reflect on some of the significant issues our world faces today. Covering topics like the COVID-19 Pandemic and food insecurity on campus, the prints are striking in their intensity. When asked why he chose hand prints rather than other forms, he spoke of the universality of signals, "words and written language aren't universal, but hand signals and our movements avoid this barrier entirely." The prints are on display on the third floor of the Elaine Langone Center this Friday and Saturday from noon to 5:00 PM.

When asked what advice he would give himself four years ago, he replied, "shoot your shot, don't wait for things, there is no perfect time." It is this sentiment that he says will guide him through future endeavors and projects.



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## Senior who excelled in athletics: Maura Fiamoncini



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Jaxon White  
News Co-Editor

When asked what legacy she hopes to leave on campus, javelin thrower Maura Fiamoncini '21 said, "I hope that my teammates remember me for my dedication to the sport and drive to be successful."

This dedication is how Fiamoncini has earned herself so many accolades. Not only is she the University record-holder with a throw of 184 feet 5 inches, but she is also 2x First Team All-Patriot League, a 2x All-American, a U20 Junior World Championships qualifier, and a 2021 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in the javelin. Starting with athletics from a young age, she did not always plan on competing in track and field: "I began throwing the javelin as a freshman in high school. I originally planned on playing softball that year, but the track and field coach convinced me to throw javelin a few days before the season started."

Since then, Fiamoncini has had the opportunity to travel all over the country to compete.

"My favorite moment was getting the opportunity to compete for Team USA in a World Championship meet. I enjoyed this so much because it was my first time traveling out of the country and I got the chance to learn from some of the best coaches in the country," Fiamoncini said.

Although her abilities might seem like they come easy to her, Fiamoncini has faced a series of injuries through her career and is currently competing with a torn labrum in her shoulder. "My coaches, doctors, trainers, and family have all been very supportive at times where I was injured and kept me motivated while training," Fiamoncini said.

Looking ahead, she shared that her next competition will be the NCAA East Preliminary on May 27 in Jacksonville, Fla. "If I place in the top 12 at this competition, I advance to the NCAA Championship in Eugene, Ore. from June 9-12," Fiamoncini said. She added "My goal is to place in the top eight at the Championship meet. My final competition will be the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore. at the

end of June. Going into my final weeks of competition, I plan on cutting back on throwing due to an injury. Overall, I'm excited to see what's in store over these next few weeks."

Off of the runway, Fiamoncini has proven herself as much more than just an athlete, making the Dean's List on multiple occasions throughout her years on campus. After graduating, she plans on working as a data analyst in Lancaster, Pa. "I'm excited to begin my professional career and see how I can apply everything I've learned as a math major," she said.

After reflecting on her past four years, Fiamoncini said, "Looking back, I wouldn't change any of the decisions I made. I've accomplished nearly all of the goals I set for myself coming in as a freshman." At the end of the interview, she stressed, "I can't thank Coach Donner and Coach Frake enough for giving me so many opportunities to succeed and represent Bucknell at the national level."

## Outstanding senior: Galaan Abdissa

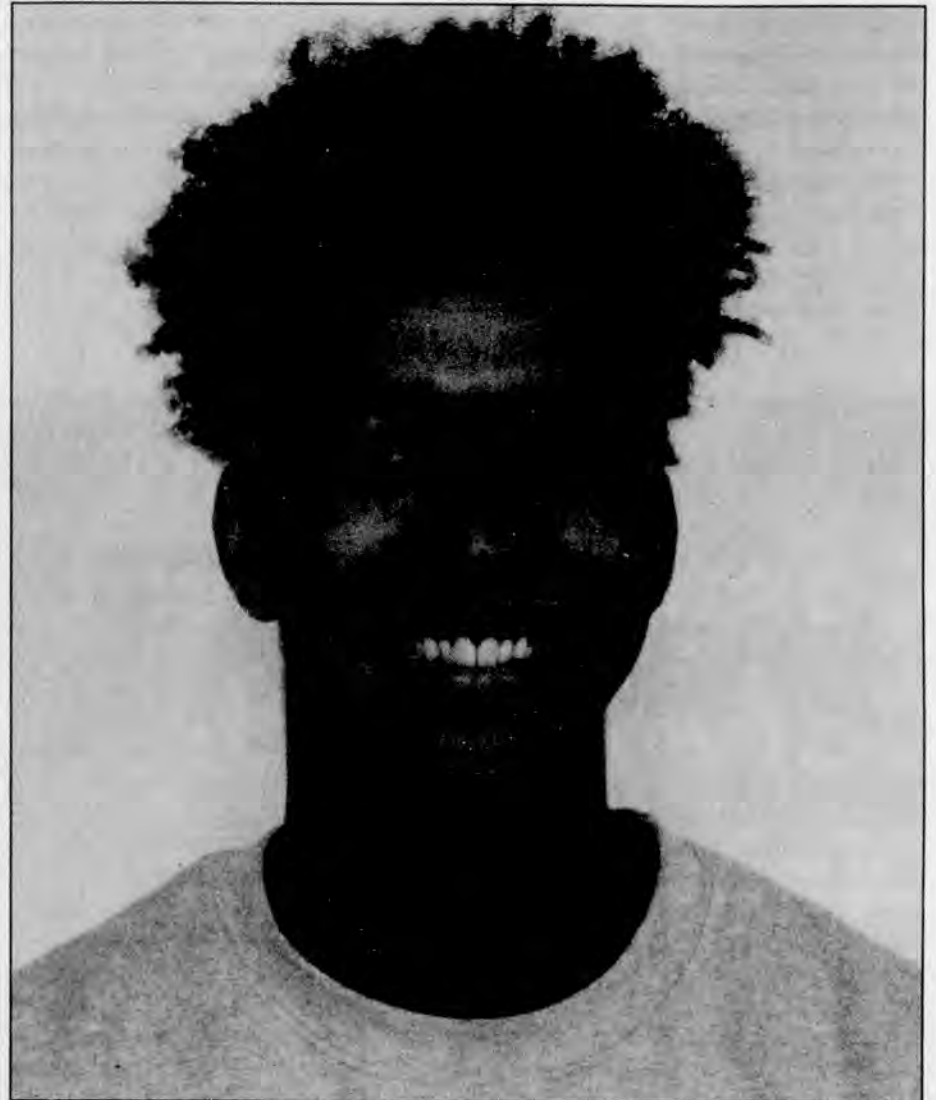


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Juliette Gaggini  
News Co-Editor

Despite tough competition, Galaan Abdissa '21, a computer science major and economics minor hailing from downtown Los Angeles, has been elected as the Bucknellian's Outstanding Senior for the Class of 2021. During his time at the University, Abdissa has served as a Residential Advisor (RA), first in the Entrepreneurship and Innovation (E&I) Affinity House and later in the Gateways. He has also worked at the Makerspace and is a member of the Chi Phi fraternity.

Abdissa originally came to the University as a civil engineer, but quickly realized he wanted to concentrate in something more creative. "I took Introduction to Computer Science and I loved it, and I always wanted to start my own business so then I decided to take ECON 103, and after taking that I realized these two could go hand in hand in the future for my career," Abdissa said. "Looking back at it I am so grateful that I did, because it can take me whichever direction I want to take my career. I can use either one of those criteria, and because of it I've enjoyed my four years."

Even so, Abdissa shared that his favorite class was "Music for Social Justice" with Professor of Music Annie Randall. The class worked with teen girls in the Lewisburg detention center; "We did not know about their past, but we did know that they were young girls that had been put in re-

ally detrimental situations," Abdissa said. "We basically bonded with them over music, had performances and learned about the history of music with our professor. A lot of times they would open up about their history and experiences and we would share ours. Having a class like that where we weren't focused on the Bucknell bubble and got to expand outside the community and learn more about other people in Pennsylvania opened my perspective."

On campus, however, Abdissa is most known for his work at the Makerspace where he has been sharing his knowledge on the studio's equipment since his freshman year. "I'm always there helping students work with personal projects," he said with a chuckle. "The great thing about that is being in an artistic space and being able to work with other student organizations, whether that be Bucknell Student Government or BSU, we're always partnering and getting to meet new people across campus."

Abdissa is also a member of the Posse Scholar program, a college access program which brings students with exceptional leadership potential to campus. "Being a Posse Scholar on campus and being able to connect with other Posse scholars is something that I have always been very passionate about, as well as being a mentor to other Posse scholars," Abdissa said.

Even with all of Abdissa's academic and extracurricular achievements, he says that the wide range of people he has met at the

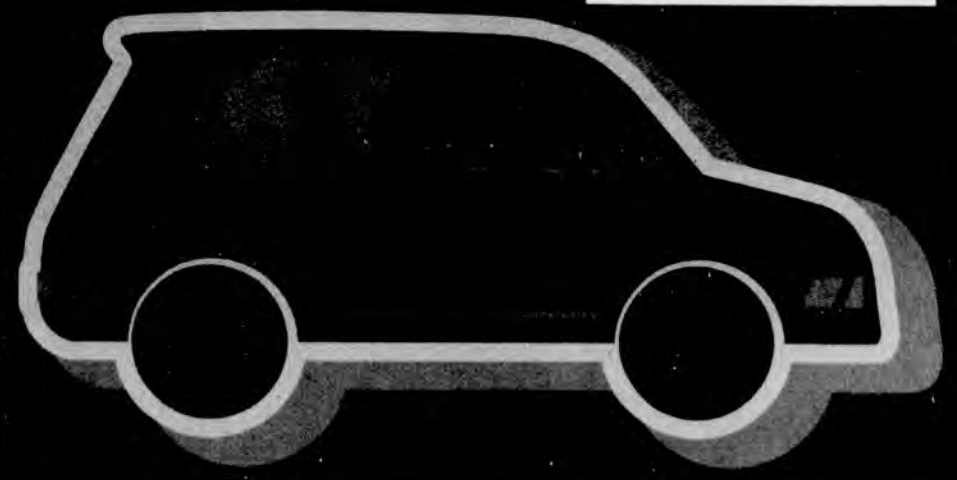
University have made the greatest impact on him. "Being a city kid from the West Coast and moving here for four years and meeting so many new people, whether from New Jersey, Connecticut, D.C., Boston or international students, has been a truly remarkable experience. I could have never imagined having this experience staying at home at a state school that I would have been comfortable at," Abdissa said. "The people have just been remarkable, and that includes faculty and staff and faculty being able to know your name and be advisors and mentors to you has been truly amazing."

Looking forward to life after leaving the University, Abdissa has a bright future ahead. After graduation, he is taking the summer off and preparing for a move to Seattle where he will working as a Product Marketing Manager for Microsoft. "I'll be doing a little bit of both CS and Econ. I'm not going to be coding necessarily, but I am going to be working on the business side of launching and marketing products that millions of users will use around the world, so I am very excited about that opportunity," he said.

Whatever the future holds, Abdissa is certain he is prepared: "Bucknell has prepared me because I've taken a wide range of classes in a little bit of every department, whether that's Econ, marketing or film. I feel like all of these departments and classes have taught me to think critically and analytically in a specific way, and to also be creative as I approach different projects."

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## VIRGINIA ZIMMERMAN

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tive and we are meeting at the site of this literature, and it is exciting to see what people have to contribute," she said.

Zimmerman had always been an avid reader and an ardent actor and director, though she didn't always know she wanted to be a professor. She went to a career center meeting and when posed with the question of graduate school she was told, "You really should not go to graduate school if you cannot imagine yourself doing anything besides sitting around talking about books."

From that point, Zimmerman decided that she really could not imagine herself do-

ing anything else. Zimmerman sees teaching as a combination of her two passions: "Teaching really is not much different from those two things, so I realized that teaching was a way to continue with that creative performance that felt like the right choice."

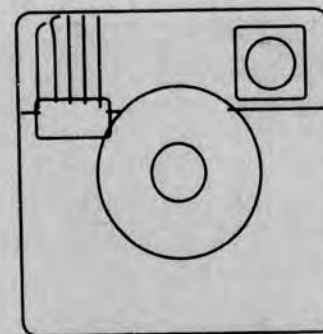
It is not easy to stay connected with students on campus during a pandemic with virtual meetings, cameras staying off and masks covering faces. "There's that extra spark that happens in the classroom when everyone can see each other, and even when we are in a classroom but masked and distanced it's hard to cultivate that spark,"

Zimmerman said. However, Zimmerman still managed to engage through a hybrid class schedule, where small groups of students would meet to discuss the weekly text in person. "The ways I have been doing that for 20 years do not work so in a way it's been a unique opportunity to reimagine my pedagogy in a time when I wasn't expecting to have to do that," Zimmerman said.

Despite the challenges of virtual learning, students still felt engaged in Professor Zimmerman's class. "She is super engaging and understanding, and I always look forward to her class. She has so much

knowledge to share and teaches in a fun and compelling way that makes me look forward to our newest book and discussion each week" shared Hailey Robinson '22

Her best piece of advice for students is "to just read anything you can get your hands on. You are never done becoming who you are going to be and everything you read helps you on that journey." Zimmerman recommends her favorite book "Middlemarch" by George Eliot. Zimmerman also encourages students to take classes outside of their comfort zone because "it is so valuable to hear from students of different backgrounds."

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## Ambitious student already preparing to explain failing grades to parents

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While most students are slacking off and studying in their rooms, Fay Elled '23 is already making plans for the inevitable moment when she will be forced to tell her parents she did, in fact, fail all of her classes.

While the news may not be ideal, Elled is going above and beyond to show her parents that she is the ambitious, go-getting type they always dream she would be. "Something about being ahead of the curve just feels really good," Elled said. "All of my idiot classmates are over here thinking they're going to do fine in all their classes, but when they see that Banner Web notification indicating there's no way they can graduate in four years, they'll have no idea what to tell their parents."

Elled's scheme is revolutionary in the world of disappointing one's parents. It's complete with charts of the campus median GPAs, average hours spent studying and anecdotal evidence from peers, all which

aim to prove that her parents did not raise the biggest disappointment, although the race is admittedly a close one.

When asked how long this research project took her, Elled admitted that she has worked on it longer than she has in writing any paper or studying for any test. However, her thinking is only somewhat flawed. "Listen, none of us have super high expectations for me. We all know why I'm here, and you can find it on the University's donor list. So when I know I'm going to fail all my classes, which I do every semester, I like to tell my parents in a way that leaves them saying 'Hey, maybe she does still deserve that new car after all.'"

In the instance that you or a loved one are likely to fail a class this semester, Elled's advice is to remind those footing the bill that "even [insert any name] failed, too, and she's the smartest person I know." That is, if you failed to be as ambitious, driven and inventive as Elled in the presentation of defeat.

## How to cope with losing your favorite super cup



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At the University, an important part of the student body's culture is attending Super, a party that takes place on Saturday afternoons. Students begin supering immediately after they have recovered from the wild Friday night, and ends with drunk Dominoes and infamous post-super nap, which lasts for about three to four hours depending on who you ask and how much you drank.

When students attend this glorious event and holy grail backbone of the school year, it is important to note that they usually take cups that they don't care about just in case they get lost or ruined, since Super is a very muddy endeavor.

Usually, it's a leftover Chipotle or Panera cup (I've even seen a couple Chick-fil-a cups and some from Five Guys, but those are the kids just trying to flex on everyone else) in order to reduce the risk of ruining a nice cup of yours.

On the other hand, though, some kids (mostly girls) have purchased a couple-dollar tumbler from Walmart or even found at a previous party to use for Super. This is a Saturday staple, and the day just isn't the same without your cheap plastic tumbler. So you can imagine how someone would feel if they were to lose this cup.

"I don't know how I lost

it," spilled Sara Tumble '24. "I put it down RIGHT next to me when I went to the bathroom and now I can't find it anywhere! I might just go home because it feels like my hamster died or something. I'm just so upset."

Her first mistake was putting it down in the first place, and her comment on it feeling like her hamster dying is accurate because losing your Super cup isn't exactly like a monumental loss, but it just really sucks and you will probably spend a few minutes reevaluating your life afterwards.

"I lost my Super cup at the end of my second year and was never the same," Dana Spill '21 said. "I literally think I cried because I couldn't find it. Lucky for me, I was able to remember that it's just a cup and I'll be able to replace it quickly."

Spill has the right outlook on this matter; if you lose your cup, it's easy to replace and will only cost a couple of dollars. Which is why you should NOT take your Yeti to Super, under any circumstances, ever. Speaking from experience.

Spill then informed me, through tears, that she had lost her second cup by dropping it during the Saturday festivities and someone stepping on it. Again, rookie mistake. That cup should never leave your hands or your sight if you want to hold onto it for as long as you can.

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The end of the semester is close, and cases are rising like a rocket at the Kennedy Space Center. That's right, Senioritis has struck campus, and faculty couldn't be more frightened. Although onsets of Senioritis have plagued the world since the invention of the Senior, this year has been particularly severe, with the malady spreading throughout the Senior class and going to infect even the low-lives of the Freshmen themselves. Thankfully the University has taken many precautions, including emergency injections of epinephrine into the student population. Despite the high amount of shots, cases just keep getting worse. Finals

are approaching, and with this infection at an all-time high, students are worried about their performances. Those who are not worried are to be quarantined in their rooms until further notice.

The symptoms of Senioritis are a dramatic increase in apathy, tomfoolery, sleeping, alcoholism, absenteeism, raisins, laziness and reliance on your parents. Others may include a decrease in hard work, gumption and brain activity, though the second one is questionable. Aforementioned shots of epinephrine are useful in stimulating the student into action, but similar results can be attained by shouting at the afflicted students very loudly to "get off your [butt], and get some work done so you won't have to live at home

for [crying out loud]!" Cursing is optional and is often effective with most students.

Either way, if you or your friends are exhibiting any of these symptoms, please notify your nearest University official immediately. Senioritis is communicated through body language and speech, so affected students are being sent into isolation housing for their own safety. Despite these actions, further developments are in motion to give every student airhorns so such infectious attitudes don't spread further. Other developments include complimentary duct tape, ear plugs (for the airhorns), and a complete removal of the word "Senioritis" from the local dictionaries.

One last note. As we finish out the year, it is difficult

not to get complacent in the culture of non-complacency that we have cultured here. As the audacious, intrepid journalists we are, it is our job to caution you against the scourge of every bad thing imaginable, from disease to injustice, and that responsibility gives us every right to criticize your awful fashion choices, Todd. For now though, since I am told that this is our last issue, I must bid you, as the French say, Adieu. I think I'm gonna just sleep for the rest of the day. Classes? I don't care about those. Class is going to end in a few weeks anyway. I'll just get everything done the day before, no big deal. A job? Who needs those. I'll just, like, go back home and get my parents to pay for everything.

## How to: Peaking

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Are you dissatisfied with your current state on the societal ladder? Do you think you could better yourself, but are too lazy to learn how? Has the cruel realization that your parents can't add more campus dollars to your balance in the real world hit you yet? The answer is: of course, you're a free-loading liberal arts college student. Fortunately, you're in luck. For this issue of The Bucknellian and this issue only, I will be providing my step-by-step how-to peak guide (pirates will be prosecuted). My how-to peak guide is surely to satisfy every reader's most ambitious life goals, and is proud to contain 40 percent less bullsh\*t than the leading competitor ("How-to Peak: For Dummies"). Before learning how to peak, how-

ever, it is important to understand exactly what it means to peak.

To understand peaking, it is first helpful to think of a reference point. Recall "FLOW" the center point of the University's enticing bathroom stall door newsletters, providing light reading while you take care of business. "FLOW" described a state of absolute focus on a given task, so much so that the work became satisfying more so than tedious, yet this was a fleeting feeling. Most FLOW states only last an average of eight minutes, before one inevitably resumes rotting their brain on the oddly satisfying section of Tik Tok. Peaking, however, is a way of life, a permanent shift of the brain into high gear, the very definition of p\*ssing excellence, day in, day out. Upon peaking, you essentially become Jordan Belfort

minus the quaaludes. What it means to peak is what means to be at the absolute top of your game, you and everyone else knowing damn well you're all that and a bag of chips, no if's and's or but's.

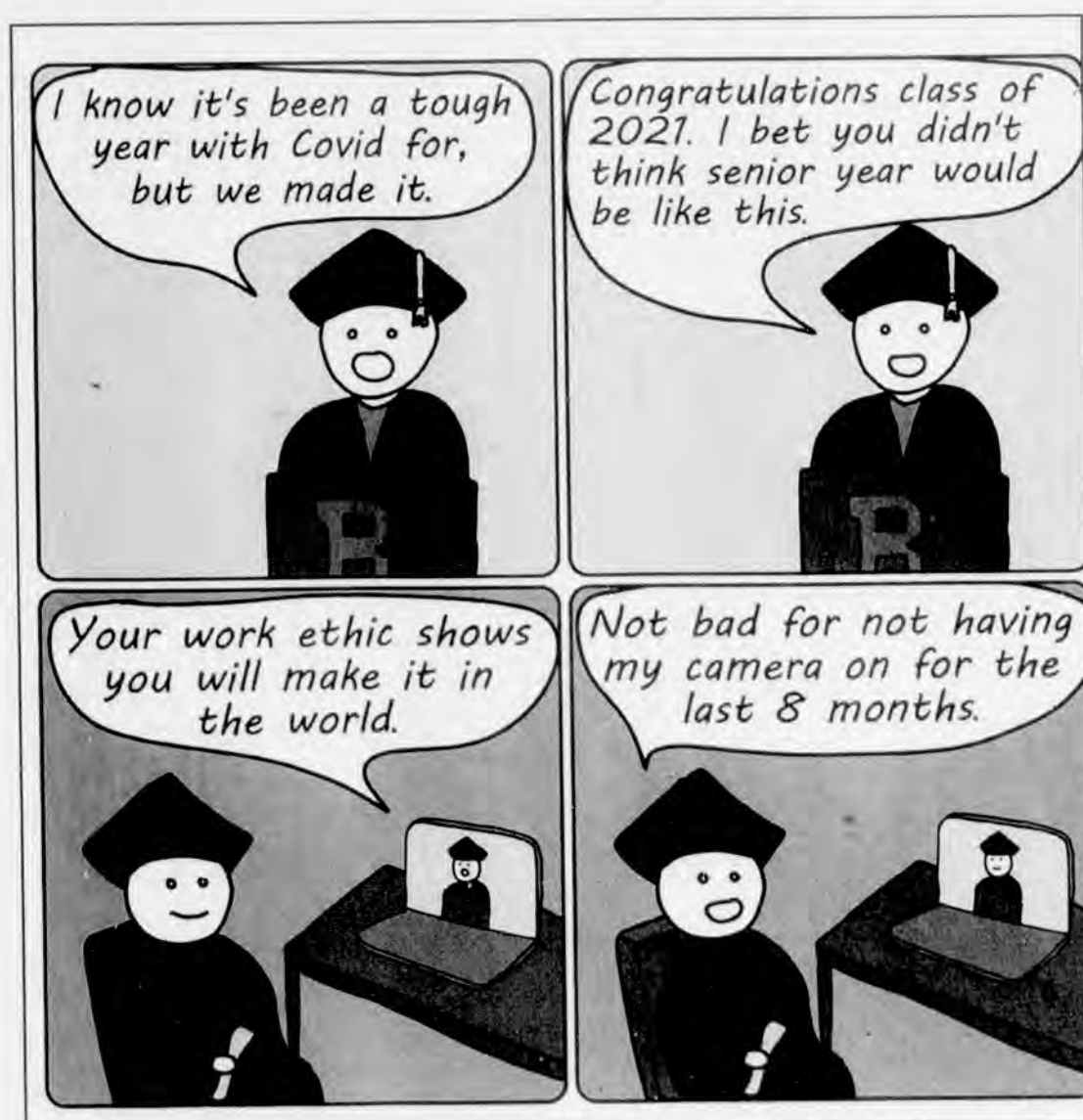
Now for the piece de résistance: how-to peak. First up is getting your body tighter than a US naval battleship entering Somali pirate territory. Once you're down at the KLARC, b-line it to the weight room for a sweet pump, or alternatively, the iron temple for a blessed worship session. The key in lifting to peak is not so much the weight, but making as much noise as possible. Slamming down plates, grunting and moaning as if you're in game seven of the US Open, and playing music loudly enough through earbuds to be registered as criminal noise pollution.

After a killer lift, it's

time to exercise your brain. The key here is not to work hard, but to work smart. Got a lot of reading to do? Sounds like that could cut into quality peak time there, hoss. Instead of reading the same paragraph for half an hour, use the technology that once distracted you to your advantage by the power of command-F. Get the important stuff while filtering out everything else. In every facet of life, confidence and short-cutting is the key to becoming alpha as quickly as possible. Once you master that, everything else comes naturally. Walk in everywhere like you own the place, talk to everyone like your son just beat theirs in a fist fight.

(I am not responsible for anyone getting fired due to a sudden change in personality, particularly an a\*\*hole-ish one, after reading this article). You're welcome, America.

## KYLE'S KORNER



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# HOW BUCKNELLIANs ARE SPENDING THEIR SUMMER

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With this Friday marking the last full week of the semester, students are putting their last sliver of energy towards finals, pack-

ing up their dorm rooms to return to their homes around the world and embarking on their summer plans. Some have taken advantage of the University's broad network and plethora of resources to pursue professional op-

portunities and further their education. Others are using the freedom to focus on their passions and hobbies. All are likely using the time to relax after a long, busy semester. From internships to summer jobs to personal projects, it

is safe to say that Bucknellians will be making the most of these next few months!

A few students who will be spending their summer engaging in internships shared their experience and thoughts with us:

## Gracie Kleinbardt '23: Intern at SHECP

Gracie is a rising junior majoring in psychology with two minors in sociology and public policy.

*What are your summer plans?*

My plans for the summer is to enjoy some much needed time with my family and friends, as well as participate in my internship.

*How did you get this opportunity?*

I was looking everywhere for a potential summer internship and thought it would probably be beneficial to look at the internship opportunities page on the Bucknell website, so I did – and found the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium of Poverty (SHECP) internship. I was accepted and will

be representing Bucknell in the program. Focusing on various areas of poverty around the United States, I believed that this internship would incorporate my majors and minors well. I was just matched with the organization I will be working with. I will be working with Resilient Georgia, which aims to educate and spread awareness for adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and trauma-informed care for people [aged] 0-26 and their families.

*What are you most excited about?*

I am excited to educate myself more on these topics and work to support the organization in any way.

## Renne Venico '22: Marketing Operations Intern for MFS

Renne is a junior majoring in Markets, Innovation & Design with a concentration in multicultural consumption; he is also a Posse scholar.

*What are your summer plans?*

I will be completing a Marketing Operations internship for MFS in Boston.

*How did you get this opportunity?*

I first utilized the Posse job board to find opportunities. I decided on MFS based on the values and experience that align with my own personality, which I learned from frequenting the Center for Career Advancement (CCA) my sophomore year. The

STAR method I learned from the CCA has also definitely helped me to be more prepared for behavioral interviews.

*What are you most excited about?*

I'm excited to be able to learn more about the finance industry this summer. I'm also excited to be able to work virtually, which allows me to work from anywhere and visit my friends as often as possible. My internship last summer was remote and I dreaded it because I was stuck at home all day, but I really believe things look promising this summer, especially after being fully vaccinated.

## Andrew Doane '22: Intern at Ameriprise Financial

Andrew is a rising senior majoring in sociology with a minor in political science.

*What are your summer plans?*

I plan to work at Ameriprise Financial as an intern this summer.

*How did you get this opportunity?*

As a Posse scholar, I have access to the Posse job board, where companies post their internship and other job applications directly to us. I found

a few opportunities through there and applied; it is definitely important to stay proactive and persistent throughout the process. I interviewed with three companies and finally decided to go with Ameriprise!

*What are you most excited about?*

I am most excited to learn about a new industry where I can develop new skills and further improve the ones I already have.

The CCA at the University is a great place to discover various resources, learn skills and gain tools that will help you in developing your career. Students can book appointments at the CCA to perfect their resume or cover letter and even have practice mock interviews. Furthermore, they actively update and refine the University's Handshake page, where students can find opportunities on and off campus to apply to.

While most students will be returning home for the summer, there are a handful who will remain on campus. We heard from a few who will be completing research over the summer about their experiences and expectations:

## Alison Zhitkov '22: Summer Researcher in Chemical Engineering

Alison is a junior majoring in chemical engineering and minoring in biomedical engineering and biology.

*What are your summer plans?*

I will be doing research here in Dean [of Engineering Patrick] Mather's lab, studying the effect of the fiber diameters of two electrospun polymers on drug release and delivery!

*How did you get this opportunity?*

I heard about this research through the chemical engineering department, and also had some classmates who were already in the group.

I'm very interested in working in pharmaceuticals after college, so this type of research was very appealing and interesting!

*What are you most excited about?*

I'm excited to learn more about how to conduct research in general, as well as learn about lab techniques used in industry. I'm also looking forward to having the opportunity to be involved in hands-on learning to further enhance my knowledge on the topic of drug delivery and polymer science.

## Macy Albaitis '22: Summer Researcher in Animal Behavior

Macy is a junior majoring in animal behavior and minoring in Spanish and chemistry.

*What are your summer plans?*

I'm returning for my third summer of research at Bucknell! I'm running an experiment on classical conditioning in Madagascar hissing cockroaches with [Associate Professor of Animal Behavior] Regina Gazes and Casey Mack '22. This basically entails staying on campus for 10 weeks reviewing literature and conducting an experiment that we designed this past semester. Specifically, we're investigating whether we can classically condition a cockroach to the presence of an intruder in their home cage and if conditioning results in being better prepared for combat with the intruder. I'm really enjoying

it and have found cockroaches to be much more complex than I previously thought.

*How did you get this opportunity?*

I applied and was approved for funding from the Bucknell Biology Department under the guidance of Gazes.

*What are you most excited about?*

I'm most excited about what kind of results we'll see and the publishing opportunities for this project. It's been a goal of mine to be published as an undergrad and I'm hoping that we get collect enough data to write a paper on this project. Being published opens a lot of doors to other opportunities in the field and, overall, is an experience unique to small universities like Bucknell. It would truly be a highlight of my undergraduate experience.

Beyond internships and research, there are many ways for students to make the most of their summer, and the University offers various grants and other opportunities to support the community whether they are on campus or off!